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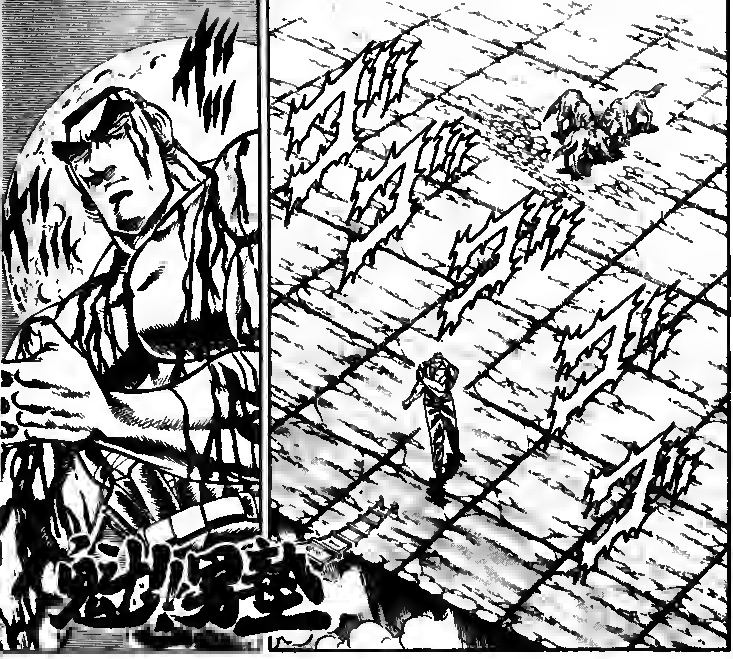
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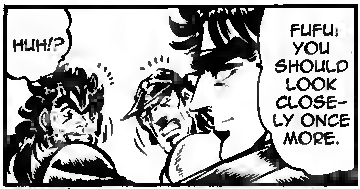
AAH, THAT J HAS SUNKEN TO CALLOUS-NESS THIS FAR ……!
BU...BUT, IS...ISN'T THIS TOO CRUEL...

GO... GOBARSKI IS BEING EATEN BY THE WOLVES WITH HIS BODY BURIED IN THE GROUND ……!!
HE...HE DID IT, J WON ……!!


HUH!?
FUFU, YOU SHOULD LOOK CLOSE-LY ONCE MORE.

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WH.... WHAT...!! IS... THAT...!

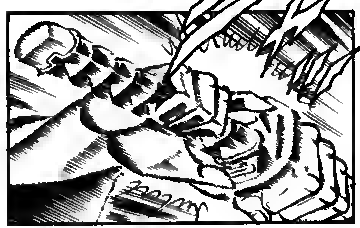
A TRUE CHAMPION WHO ISN'T JUST MERELY STRONG.
HE'S THAT SORT OF MAN.

HE...HE'S BREATHING!! GOBARSKI HAS JUST BEEN FEELED OF THE WHITE IN HIS EYES, BLOWING FOAM AND FAINTED---!
TH...THE FANGS OF THE WOLVES HAVE ENTIRELY BROKEN OFF----!!

蒙古三凶撰登場!!
CHP. 223: ENTER THE MONGOL SANKYOUSEN!! の巻

OOH, J, THAT WAS A SPLENDID VICTORY ---!!
SAVING THE LIFE OF GOWARSKI MAKES YOU A MAN LIKE WE THINK AFTER ALL---!!

SHOULDN'T THEY WAVE THEIR WHITE FLAG AND THE REST OF THEM GIVE UP SOON---!!
KAKKAKKA: BUT THIS IS THE DEGREE OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS?

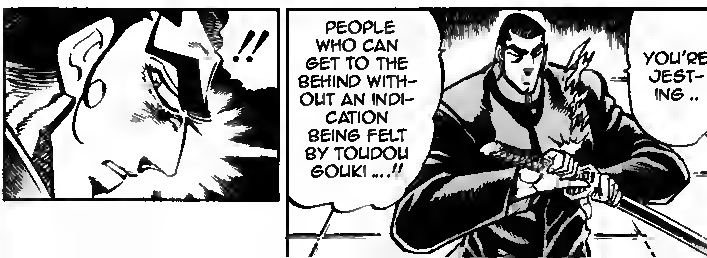


WAHAHAHA: THAT WILL GIVE US THE CHAMPIONSHIP---!!

AGAIN THIS SHAMEFUL SIGHT.....!! HOW DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE THIS RESPONSIBILITY!?
THESE YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEEN MAKING FOOLS OF US LIKE THIS .....!!
IN-STRUC-TOR HON .....!!
HOHHO-HHO: PLEASE COMPOSE YOURSELF, YOUNG MASTER

FINE, SO THEN, NEXT I'LL BE SENDING OUT A TRIO WHO SHOULD BE CALLED MY PRIZED CHILDREN, THIS SHOULD PRESENT RELIEF TO THE YOUNG MASTER!!
THE TRUE POWER OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS THAT SHOULD BE CALLED CONSTRUCTED ART ISN'T LIKE THIS BY A LONG SHOT
I'VE BEEN HIRED FOR A VAST AMOUNT OF MONEY BY YOUR FATHER, GATHERED STRONG WARRIORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO THIS MEIOU ISLAND AND CONDUCTED TRAINING WITH THEM THAT IS BEYOND IMAGINATION WITH THE GREATEST EQUIPMENT
THE FIGHTERS UP TO NOW WERE JUST THE LOWER-RANKS EVEN AMONG THE 16.

THEY'RE ALREADY BEHIND YOU, MASTER ……!!
HOHHO-HHO. YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED IT?
WHERE ARE THEY!?
A PRIZED TRIO ……!?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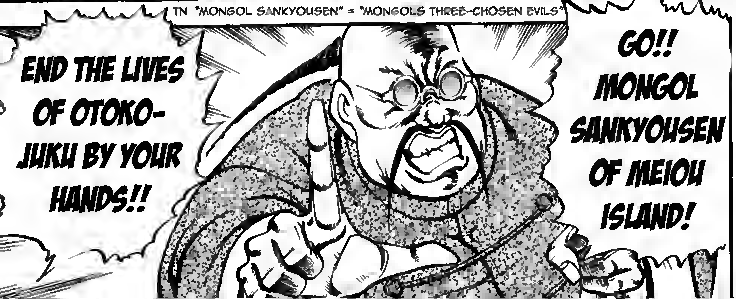
PEOPLE WHO CAN GET TO THE BEHIND WITHOUT AN INDICATION BEING FELT BY TOUDOU GOUKI ……!!
YOU'RE JESTING ..

TN "MONGOL SANKYOUSEN" = "MONGOLS THREE-CHOSEN EVILS"



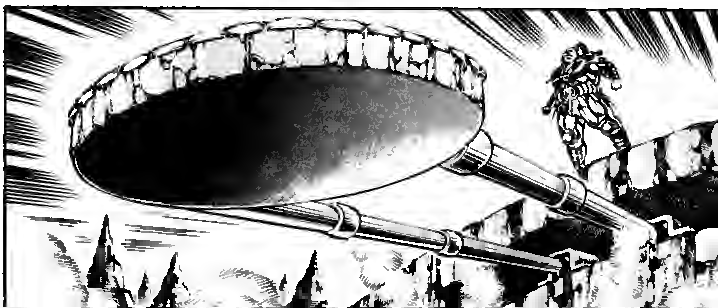
NO, THEY'VE ALREADY COME!!
HUH!?
EVEN SO, WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THE NEXT OPPONENT NEVER GOING TO COME OUT---!
OOH, LOOK: NIGHT IS BREAKING AND THE SUN IS RISING ---!!

WH...WHAT---!! TH...THREE MEN ARE STANDING ON THE TOUDOU STATUE WHILE WE WERE UNAWARE---!

LEAVE THIS TO ME. YOU TWO WON'T HAVE TO APPEAR.

I...I DON'T BELIEVE THIS: WH...WHAT IS HE----!!
HE JUMPED DOWN FROM THE TOP OF THE STATUE THAT IS 30 METERS IN HEIGHT-----!!
EV...EVEN SO, IT'S...AS IF HE SWOOPED DOWN WITHOUT EVEN A SOUND LIKE A BUTTER-FLY----!!
MY NAME IS KYRGYZ KHAN!!
ONE OF THE MONGOL SANKYOU-SEN OF MEIOU ISLAND..... !!
I'VE PREPARED AN INTER-ESTING IDEA FOR THIS MATCH!!

IT...CAN'T BE: TH...THAT GUY KYRGYZ KHAN IS FIGHTING OVER THERE---!!
WH...WHAT IS TH...THAT---!! WHAT'S LIKE A SMALL ARENA IS COMING TO PROJECT OUT FROM THE BATTLEGROUND'S ABYSS---!



BUT THEN, THE CURRENT LIMITING DOESN'T KNOW OF MONGOLIAN SUMO OF MY HOMELAND.
ISN'T THIS A THING CALLED SUMO, WHICH IS THE NATIONAL SPORT OF YOUR COUNTRY?
FUFU! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SURPRISED ABOUT.
WELL, WHAT'S WRONG!!
ISN'T THERE A PERSON WHO WILL GO HEADLONG INTO CHAGA PORTE, WHERE YOU'LL GO TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL IF YOU LOSE A STEP OF FOOTING--!!

CHAGA PORTE...THERE GRAPPLING SPORTS THAT ARE ANALOGOUS WITH JAPANESE SUMO DOTTED THROUGH VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, BUT A PARTICULARLY FAMOUS ONE IS MONGOLIAN SUMO. ANCIENT IN IT'S HISTORY, IT WAS PREFERRED AND OCCURRED AS A LINK IN FIGHTING TRAINING BY THOSE WHO WERE OF THE DARING AND RESOLUTE EQUESTRIAN TRIBES STRETCHING BACK TO THE ERA OF GENGHIS KHAN. CHAGA PORTE, WHICH WAS AN IDEA BY JIMIHE KHAN, A TYRANT OF THE 17TH CENTURY, WAS A TERRIBLE ONE SAID TO BE WHERE AN ARENA THAT IS A HEIGHT OF 15 METERS ABOVE GROUND IS CREATED AND IT IS THERE THAT THEY FIGHT BETTING LIFE AND DEATH.
INCIDENTALLY, THERE IS A THEORY THAT SAYS THAT THE YELL "DOSUKOI" USED BY JAPANESE SUMO AT PRESENT HAS IT'S ORIGIN IN THE NAME OF "DOSUKOI KHAN" KNOWN AS THE STRONGEST WARRIOR IN CHAGA PORTE.
FROM "SUMO LIFE: IT'S NOW OR NEVER" MINMEI PUBLISHING

UMU. HE POSSESSES QUITE SELF-CONFIDENCE IN THIS CHAGA PORTE.
THAT EASY HANDLING OF HIS BODY WHEN HE JUMPED OFF FROM THE TOP OF THAT STATUE EARLIER. " HE ISN'T A MAN WITH JUST MERELY SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH

!?
KUKKUKKU IT..IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S COME AROUND TO MY TURN AT LAST.

WE'RE LIMITED IN TECHNIQUES THAT CAN BE USED ON TOP FO THAT NARROW ARENA
WHO WILL GO?

TO... TORA-MARU!!
I...I CAN'T BE SILENT HEARING THAT IT'S SUMO!!
HERE'S WHERE YOU LEAVE IT TO TORAMARU RYUUJI, THE BEST STRENGTH-BOOSTER IN OTO-KOJUKU!!!

LEAVE THIS TO ME!!
HEH, YOU CARE ABOUT THAT THING?
IS...ISN'T THAT THE RUBBER OF THE KAMON CHOUTAIHOU THAT YOU USED IN YOUR COMBO WITH ME IN THE AMON & UNMON MATCH IN THE FIRST ROUND!!
!!
HO..HOLD ON A MOMENT!! WH..WHAT IS THAT MAWASHI!?

THIS IS A MATCH OF POWER .....!!
IT'S AS AKASHI SAID WE CAN'T USE AWKWARD TRICKS IN THAT NARROW ARENA.
WELL THEN, HERE I GO!!

DON'T WORRY, TOGASHI .....!!
HE'S YOUR BEST PAL; CAN'T YOU BE CONFI-DENT IN HIM?
TH...THAT ISN'T IT; I UNDER-STAND BE-CAUSE HE'S MY BEST PAL...!!
HE'S BEING UNREASON-ABLE AND LETTING OUT BRAVADO, BUT HE'S GOING OUT THERE PREPARED TO DIE..!!
.....!!
HOOOO !!
GE!!

FUFU. YOU SHOULD QUICKLY CROSS OVER AND COME
BUT THEN IF YOU'RE RE-CONSIDER-ING, NOW'S YOUR TIME
WH. WHAT'S THAT——!!
FOOL-ISH MAN..
DOES HE THINK HE HAS A CHANCE OF WINNING AGAINST KYRGYZ KHAN IN CHAGA PORTE ..!!

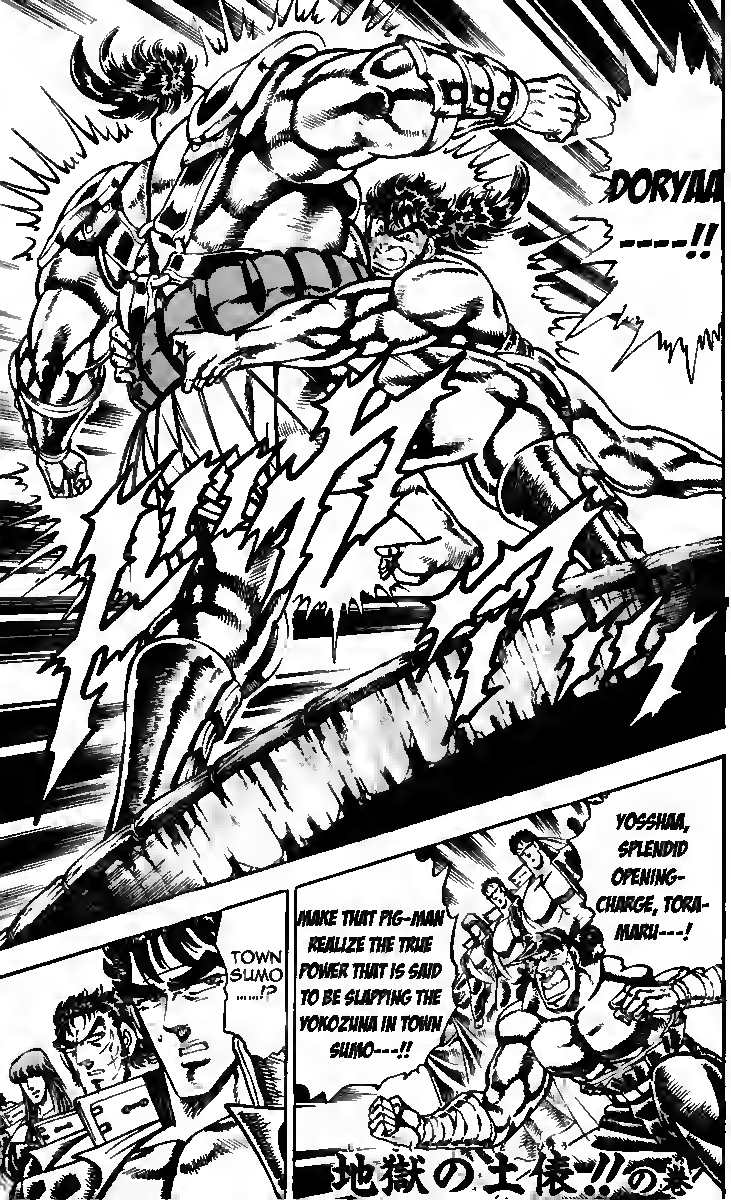
Y..YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED, YOU GUY!!
HERE I GO ---!!

TN:

At this point, I think we're pretty much forced to think of all of the set-ups and matches as satirical considering how trite some of the plot-points have become. I mean, for the most part the flow of the battle has been the same every time. Otokojuku defeats some guys, the enemy says "they were the underlings, they send out someone more major, Otokojuku beats them, then defeats the leader".

I mean, if it weren't for how crazy the fights have been and for the whole idea that it is essentially satirical, I probably wouldn't have continued going to this point. Otokojuku isn't about the story, it's about getting there with all of it's weirdness. I guess I point it out now again because of how the intro of the Mongol Sankyousen is similar to that of a lot of the other "sub-bosses" at this point. But hey, if it weren't satirical, then why would the Minmei Publishing books just keep getting weirder?

Any way, at least with this fight, we get Toramaru finally getting his solo chance just like Togashi before him, though at least we get a reason as why it would happen. Which is a good thing the whole factor of "go with someone who doesn't use a weird tricky kenpou and just sticks with brute force". And when it's Toramaru, that's pretty much his whole battle style. Though on a quick note: at least Gobarski survived due to... well, his wolves losing their teeth. As freaky as he was, he was a fun fighter.

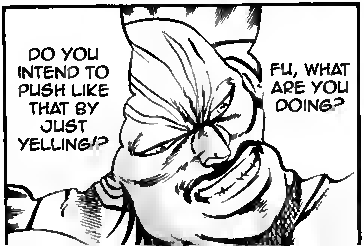

DORYAA
----!!
YOSSHAA, SPLENDID OPENING-CHARGE, TORA-MARU---!
MAKE THAT PIG-MAN REALIZE THE TRUE POWER THAT IS SAID TO BE SLAPPING THE YOKOZUNA IN TOWN SUMO---!!
TOWN SUMO ....!?
地獄の主侯-!!の巻

地獄の土俵!!

CHP. 224: THE ARENA の巻 OF HELL!!

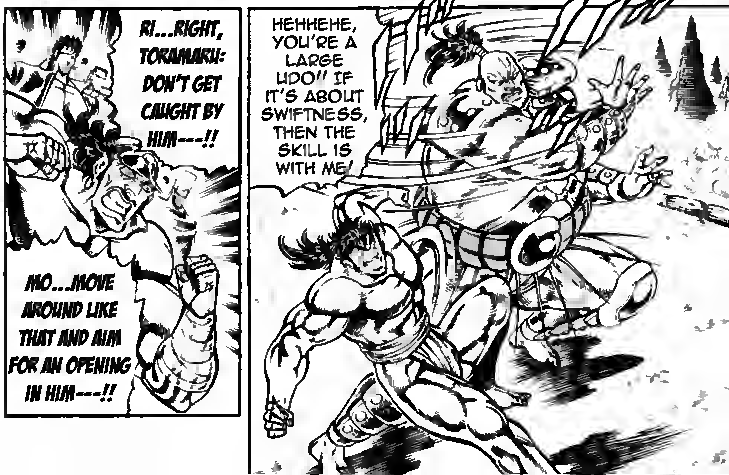
NURYAA ---!!
GUO!!
KEE ---!!
DO SUKO ---!!
SORYAA !!

IT'S AS IF HE CAN'T MOVE EVEN A BIT, LIKE ROOTS HAVE GROWN INTO HIS FEET!!
THIS GUY . . . . . !!


DO YOU INTEND TO PUSH LIKE THAT BY JUST YELLING!?
FU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THE ONLY WAY TO LOSE IS TO FALL FROM THIS ARENA TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL!!
I FORGOT TO MENTION THIS, BUT IN CHASA PORTE, YOU AREN'T LOSE IF YOU FALL TO THE GROUND
FU, WHAT'S WITH THIS RUBBER FUN-DOSHI!?
HO!!
SH...SHUT IT, IF I KNEW THAT---!!
GUFU!!
AND YOU'RE FREE TO EVEN USE ANY FOR-BIDDEN MOVE OF SUMO.

FUFU: IT'S AN OPPONENT WHOSE DOING THIS WHILE GETTING CHEWED UP.
Y..YOU!!
UWA AA!!


RI...RIGHT, TORAMARU: DON'T GET CAUGHT BY HIM---!!
MO...MOVE AROUND LIKE THAT AND AIM FOR AN OPENING IN HIM---!!
HEHHEHE, YOU'RE A LARGE UDO!! IF IT'S ABOUT SWIFTNESS, THEN THE SKILL IS WITH ME!

BUT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN FOREVER!!
YOU'RE FRANTIC LIKE A MOUSE!!
HE~~Y, ONI-SAN, THIS WAY!!
KE, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!! IF YOU'RE MORTIFIED, THEN CATCH ME!
HYO- EVEN SO, THAT'S AMAZ- ING SWEAT!!
IS THERE A DIF- FERENCE IN OVER- HARVESTING MOISTURE, OLD GUY!!

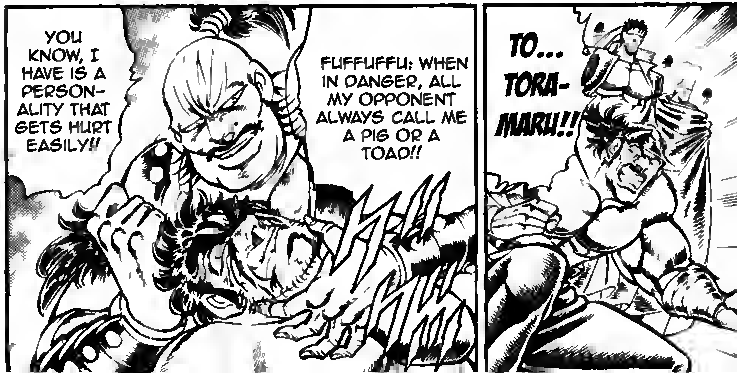
HO!!
Y...YOU DUMMY! BECAUSE YOU'RE SWEATING TOO MUCH, IT GATHER ON THE ARENA AND MAKE ME SLIP---!!
KU!!

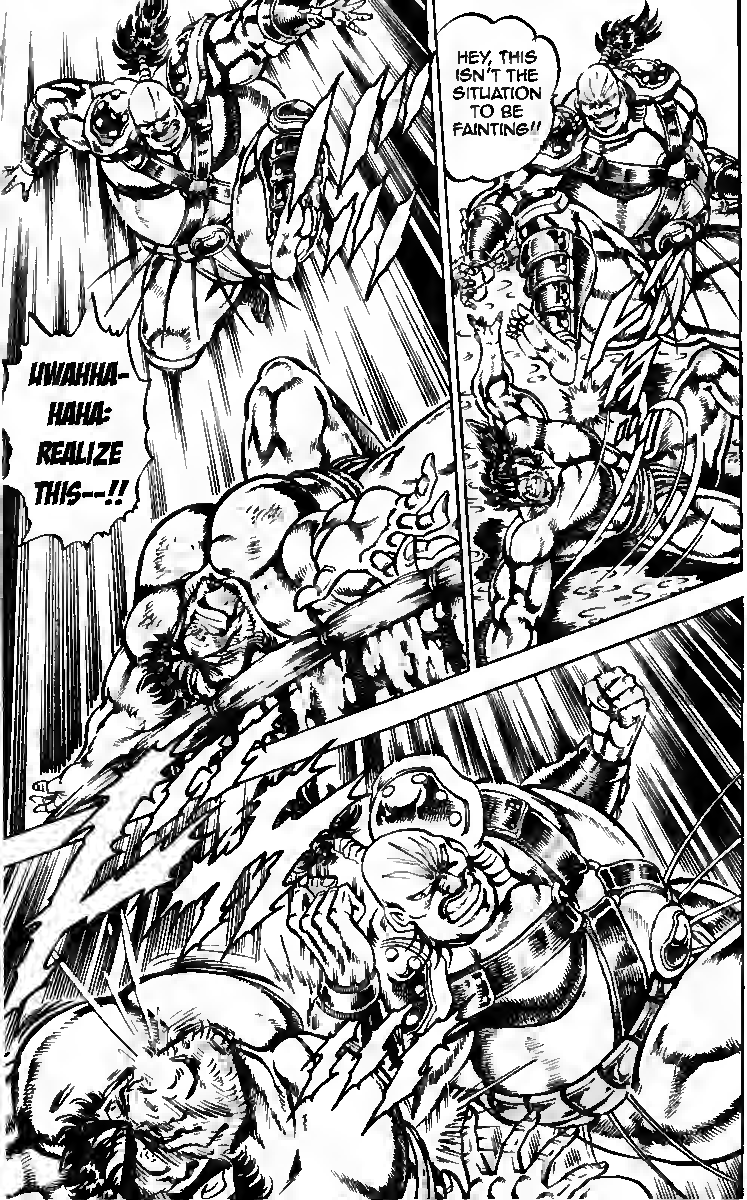
WOO, A... AGAIN ----!!
THIS IS MONGOL SAN-KYOUSEN ŌUGI- SHOUKATSU RYUUKAN!!
WH... WHAT EXACTLY IS THAT .....!!
UUUH .....!!
TN: "SHOUK TSU RYUUK N" = "FAR-AND-WIDE-SLIPPERY COLLECTING-SWEAT"
WHA!?

MY SWEAT IS ALREADY COMPLETELY COVERING THE WHOLE SURFACE OF THIS ARENA!!
FUFU. YOU SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY.
WELL, I'LL BE FINE IN THIS WAY!!
WITH THIS, YOU'VE COME TO NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE FREELY!!
THIS SWEAT CONTAINS A PORTION THAT'S A LARGE QUANTITY OF FAT, SO YOU SAY, IT'S A THING THAT'S LIKE A SPECIAL OIL

OUT OF THE WAY ---!!
A ARE YOU JOKING WITH ME! SQUEEZING FAT FROM YOUR BODY----!!
I_I WAS THINKING THAT YOU SURELY WERE A PIG BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE A COMMON TOAD.
KU!!
SORYAA, I'VE BEEN CAUGHT ---!!

UGOO !!
UGYA!!
NUN!!


YOU KNOW, I HAVE IS A PERSON-ALITY THAT GETS HURT EASILY!!
FUFFUFFU: WHEN IN DANGER, ALL MY OPPONENT ALWAYS CALL ME A PIG OR A TOAD!!
TO... TORA-MARU!!


HEY, THIS ISN'T THE SITUATION TO BE FAINTING!!
UWAHHA-HAHA: REALIZE THIS--!!

WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.

GUKU !!

FU, THAT WAS UTTERLY TOO QUICK A MATCH.

WELL, WHAT WILL YOU DO!? THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.

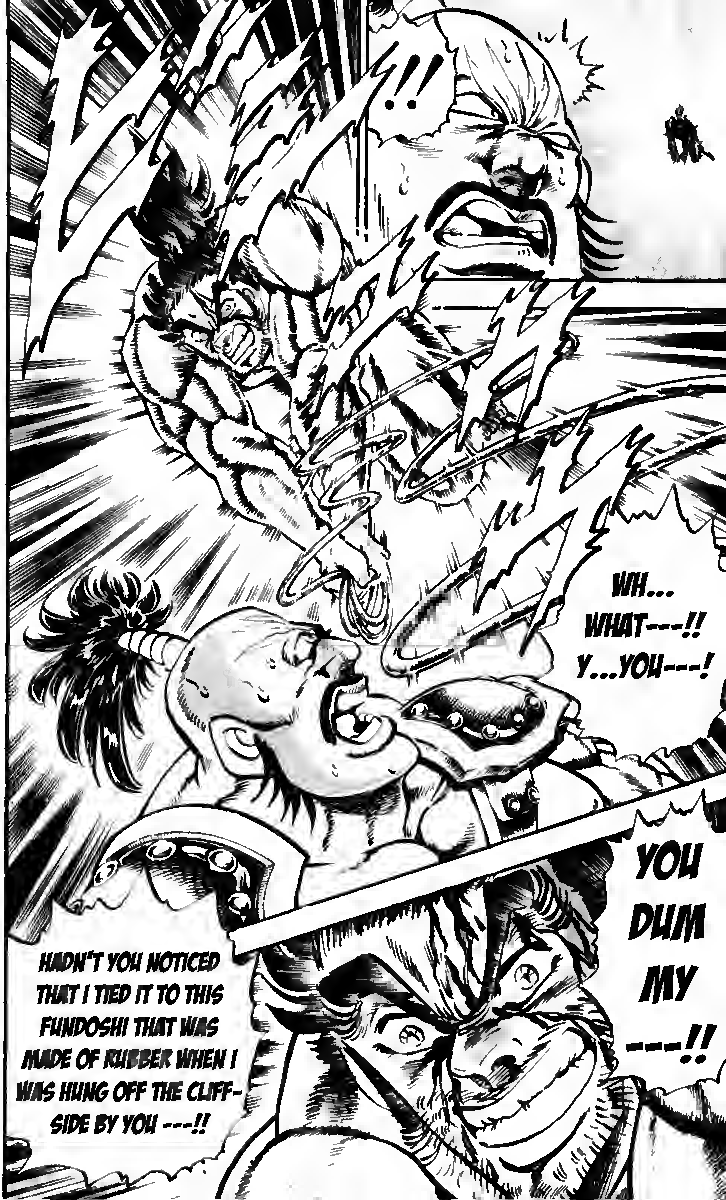
IF YOU TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAY EARLIER, I WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
BUT I AM A DEEPLY COMPASSIONATE MAN WHO CAN BE CALLED KYRGYZ KHAN THE MERCIFUL EVEN AMONG THE MONGOL SANKYOUSEN

TO...TORA-MARU, IT...IT'S AS HE SAID: GIVE HIM AN APOLOGY---!!
TH...THE BURDEN OF THIS MATCH WAS TOO HEAVY FOR YOU AFTER ALL----!!
HU---H !?
AH. YEAH; I. UNDERSTAND. Y. YOU'RE NOT A PIG OR A TOAD...
FUFU; RIGHT; THAT'S FINE.

I. I'VE LOOKED CLOSER..
Y. YOUR FACE IS EXACTLY LIKE A WART-HOG.
WH... WHAT---!! A...WART-HOG----!

Y... YOU ---!!
IT'S...IT'S BETTER THAT YOU GO FLYING TO THE END OF HELL---!!
HE...HE KILLED TORA-MARU---!!
TO... TORA-MARU ---!!

TO...TORA MARU..... TH...THAT TORA-MARU HAS...
WH...WHAT EXACTLY WILL I DO FROM HERE....
HE LOST HIS LIFE WITH THAT INSIGNIFI-CANT SPIRIT.
FUF-FUFFU. THAT FOOL-ISH MAN.
HUH!?
OTOKOJUKU FIRST-YEAR TORAMARU RYUUJI.... ISN'T A TYPI-CAL MAN AFTER ALL!!
FU. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOUR TEARS, TO-GASHI!?
N!?
BUT THEN, THAT'S A STORY OF IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO....!!
WELL, YOU SHOULD COME OUT, NEXT WAR-RIOR OF OTOKO-JUKU.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WH... WHAT---!! Y...YOU---!
YOU DUM MY ---!!
HADN'T YOU NOTICED THAT I TIED IT TO THIS FUNDOSHI THAT WAS MADE OF RUBBER WHEN I WAS HUNG OFF THE CLIFF-SIDE BY YOU ---!!

THE ONE GOING TO HELL IS YOU!!
UOOO ---!!

TN:

DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH I HAD TO DOUBLE-CHECK THE LINE AROUND THE POINT TORAMARU REVEALED HIS TRUMP CARD WITH THE RUBBER MAWASHI? I MEAN THE CONCEPT WAS SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE. HOOK THE RUBBER BAND BENEATH THE RING, RECOIL BACK UP AND KNOCK KYRGYZ OFF TO HIS DEATH. BUT THE WHOLE LINE ABOUT HOW AND WHERE TORAMARU DID IT JUST DROVE ME NUTS. IN SOME WAYS IT MADE IT SEEM LIKE HE KNEW HE WAS DOING IT AND DID IT BEFORE HE ACTUALLY DID IT, BUT IN REALITY JUST DID IT AND.. UM... YEAH, SUMO IS SIMPLE BUT WEIRD WITH STUFF LIKE THAT AND OILY, SLIPPERY SWEAT. (AT LEAST IT DOESN'T TURN YOU TO IRON) THOUGH I REALLY DID LIKE TORAMARU'S RUNNING GAG OF CALLING KYRGYZ WHAT HE REALLY IS. .CONSIDERING HE IS A CREEP REGARDLESS, HE DESERVES A CREEPY ANIMAL TO BE COMPARED TO.

蒙古究極決闘法!!の巻
FU, HE. HE'S A GREAT MAN
A..AN UN-BELIEVABLE GREAT TURN-AROUND.
I.. WON .....
TH. THIS WAS WON BY ME....!!

蒙古究極決闘法!!

CHP. 225: MONGOLIA'S ULTIMATE DUELING METHOD!!の巻

Y....YOU DUMMY, TORA-NAKU---!! WHAT ARE YOU YELLING ABOUT WITHOUT FUN-DOSHI---!
SINCE YOU'RE FINE, HURRY AND COME BACK UP!! YOU CAN BE PLEASED ABOUT THIS LATER---!
WI...WITH THIS, I WON'T HAVE TO BE CALLED BY EVERYONE AS OTOKO.NAKU'S ETERNAL ON-THE-SPOT RELAY ANNOUNCER---!!
SATISFACTORY GREAT VIC-TORY---!!
WAHAHAHA: HO...HOW'S THAT! DID YOU SEE MY TRUE POWER!!
REALLY, THIS FUNDOSHI CAN BE USEFUL LIKE THIS TOO
NO
OTTO, I CAN'T HAVE THIS

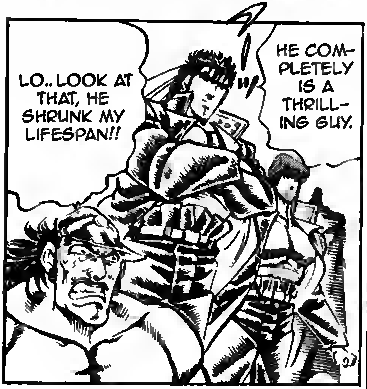
WH. WHAT! YOU HAVEN'T FALLEN DOWN YET---!!
WH... WHAT!!
I..I ACKNOWL-EDGE MY DEFEAT! Y...YOU WON---!!
I...I'M BEG-GING YOU, SAVE ME!! I...I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET---!
U GU GU GU !!
UOO-----!! NO...NOW QUICKLY PULL ME UP---!

CHI. I..I HAVE NO CHOICE, MAN.
OOH, I'M... GRATE-FUL.
IT..IT ISN'T A LIE THAT YOU'RE ACKNOWL-EDGING DEFEAT!?
.....!!
TH..THE MATCH IS ALREADY OVER.
A AAH, OF. OF COURSE.
SOR YAA ---!!
EVEN IF YOU SAYING THAT, I..I CAN'T JUST ABANDON HIM ----!!
TO...TORA-MARU, DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT GUY'S WORDS!!
DO...DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT HIM ONCE MORE AND WIN------!!
WH...WHAT IS HE DOING, TH...THAT SOFT-HEARTED ----!!

DIE---!!
FOOL--!
WHA!!
TH...THAT GUY DIRTY AFTER ALL---!!
TO... TORA-MARU!!

UH!!
DOR YAA ---!!
UO!!

HIYAAA
----!!


LO.. LOOK AT THAT, HE SHRUNK MY LIFESPAN!!
HE COMPLETELY IS A THRILLING GUY.

N.. NOW I'M CERTAIN HE'S GOING TO HELL...!!
TH...THAT A**HOLE DID THAT DIRTY BEHAVIOR .....!!

BU- BUT, THE GUY WHO THREW THAT STONE AND RESCUED ME FROM THAT CLOSE-CALL CRISIS NOW WAS ....!?
IT- IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM MOMO OR THE OTHERS AND REACHED HERE...!!
!!
WHA!?
IT'S... YOU ----!!

O...OTOKO JUKU'S 2ND HELPER: SHOUKAKU ---!!
HE... UNAWARINGLY IS ON THE BATTLE-GROUND.....!?
TH...THAT MAN .....!!
YOU SHOULD QUICKLY RETURN TO YOUR OWN CAMP!!
YOUR GRATITUDE IS UNNEC-ESSARY.
YOU SAVED ME.
DI...DID YOU DID THAT!?

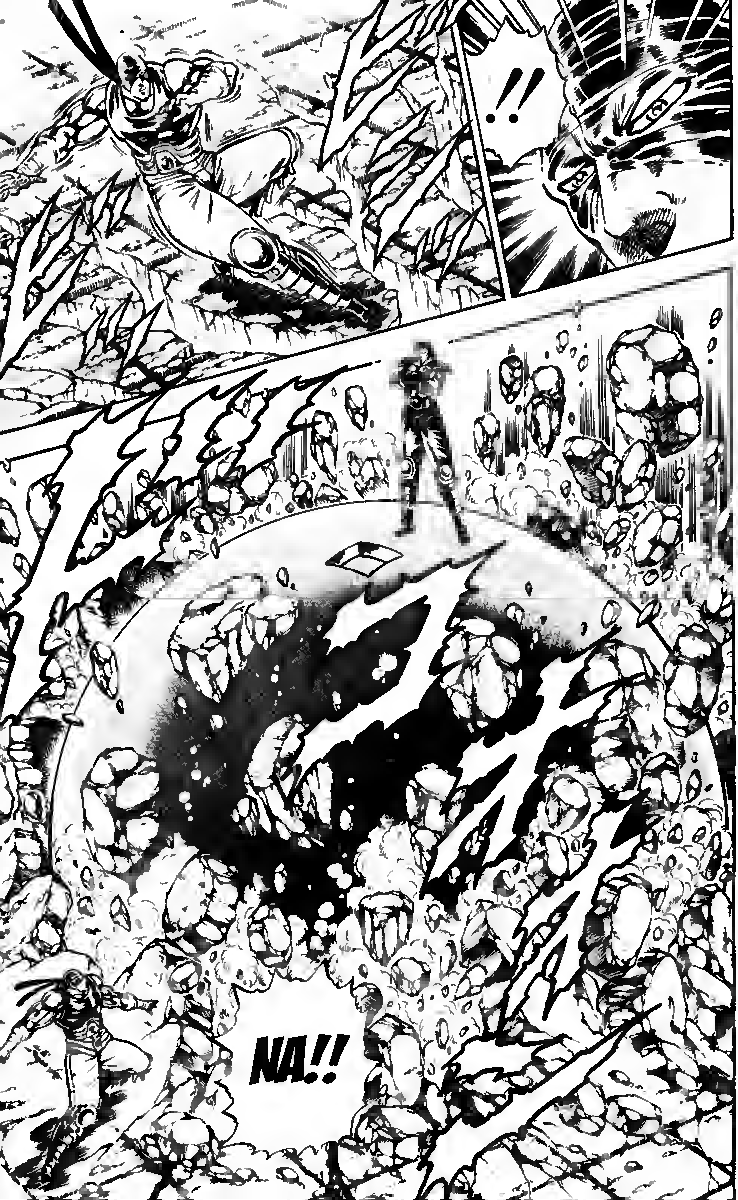
I WAS INTERFERING FROM THE SIDE, SO DON'T COMPLAIN
THE ACT OF YOUR ALLY WAS ONE THAT WAS INFERIOR EVEN TO BRUTES.!!
IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE NEXT OPPONENT.....!!
THIS SHOUKAKU WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT!!
RIGHT .....!!

I LEAVE YOU THE REST---!!
AH, YES.
GO!!
BUT NOW HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND HIS REASONS WILL BE REVEALED .....!!
THAT MAN WHO HASN'T REVEALED HIS REAL FACE UNDER THAT MASK .....!!
HE'S A STRANGE MAN.....
IF YOU WANT, I DON'T MIND IF ITS BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER .....!!
NOW, WHICH IS MY OP-PONENT?

HA
--!!

BUT THIS SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN USEFUL FOR A BIT.
IN THAT CASE, SHALL WE SPLENDIDLY UNDERTAKE THIS!!

YOUR CONCEITED MOUTH WILL COME TO BE SHUT FOREVER!!
MY NAME IS MONGOL SANKYOUSEN'S QUBILAI KHAN!!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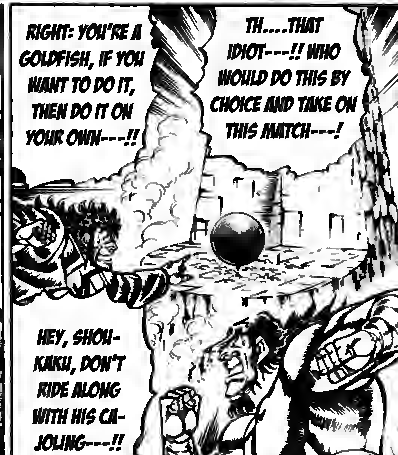
NA!!

TN: "SUIRON POOKYUU" = "WATER-DRAGON SERIOUSLY-DEDICATED SPHERE"
THIS IS THE ULTIMATE DUELING METHOD: SUIRON POOKYUU!!
THE...GROUND OF THE BATTLEGROUND SPLIT AND A HUGE GLASS-BALL LIKE THING HAS APPEARED FROM WITHIN!!
WH... WHAT IS TH...THAT ---!!

IT'S AS YOU CAN SEE! WITHIN THIS GLASS BALL IS FILLED WITH WATER.
IT'S A BATTLE THAT'S UNDER-WATER!!
THE ONLY PLACE WITH AN AIR HOLE IS THE CEIL-ING.....!!
IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN BREATHE IS HERE.
WELL, WHAT WILL YOU DO!?
.....!!

BEING UNDERWATER, NATURALLY, LIMITS TIME; FURTHER, THE PAIN FROM CONSUMING PHYSICAL STRENGTH AT THREE TIMES THAT OF USUAL WITH MOVEMENTS FROM THE RESISTANCE OF WATER IS BEYOND IMAGINATION. INCIDENTALLY, THE CALLING THE PERSON WHO LOST IN THIS DUELING METHOD "DOZAI MOON" ("DROWNING MIND") IN MONGOLIAN IS THE ETYMOLOGY OF CALLING A DROWNED BODY "DOZAEMON" IN JAPAN. -FROM "SWIM/EQUESTRIAN TRIBES", MINMEI PUBLISHING
AND SUIRON POOKYUU!! IN ALL PLACES AND TIMES, FELLOW MARTIAL ARTISTS HAVE MANY DUELING METHODS THAT OCCUR THAT SHOULD DETERMINE THE "MEN FROM THE BOYS; BUT EVEN AMONG THEM, SUIRON POOKYUU, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN MONGOLIA, IS FAMOUS AS THE HARSHEST ONE. IT USES GLASS SPHERES FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF GLASS ARTS SINCE THEN, BUT AT FIRST, IT WAS FOUGHT BY FULLY FILLING A 7 METER WOODEN TUB AND UNTIL ONE OF THEM DIED WITHIN IT.


RIGHT: YOU'RE A GOLDFISH, IF YOU WANT TO DO IT, THEN DO IT ON YOUR OWN---!!
TH....THAT IDIOT---!! WHO WOULD DO THIS BY CHOICE AND TAKE ON THIS MATCH---!
HEY, SHOUKAKU, DON'T RIDE ALONG WITH HIS CAJOLING---!!

TN: "DROWNED BODY" BEING CALLED "DOZAEMON" ISN'T BASED ON "DOZAI MOON" IN ACTUALITY (UNLESS YOU BELIEVE IN MINMEI PUBLISHING'S WORDS) BUT IN ACTUALITY IS BASED ON NAMES OF WAKOZAEMON, A TOKUGAWA-ERA SUMO WRESTLER

(TN: THIS IS A RATHER STRAIGHT-FORWARD BATTLE STYLE, BUT CONSIDERING IT IS A BATTLE STYLE I HAVE TO KEEP IN JAPANESE "MONGOL SUICHUU TOUHOU" = "MONGOLIAN UNDERWATER BATTLE-METHOD"

TN:

FIRST, A LITTLE BIT OF EXPLANATION. YEAH IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS BY NOW WHO SHOUKAKU IS CONSIDERING WHAT HAPPENED BACK IN THE RYOUZAN-PAKU FIGHT BUT I DECIDED TO KEEP THE MYSTERY HERE FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE. OR IN CASE "HE" WAS LYING TO US AND HE TURNS OUT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE.

I MEAN IT FOR THE MOST PART IS OBVIOUS WHO IT IS BUT YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST MAKE SURE OF IT. MEANWHILE YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE THE MONGOL SANKYOUSEN FOR HIDING ALL THESE LARGE AND ELABORATE BATTLE ARENAS WITHIN ONE SMALL ZONE. YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER ALL IT TOOK TO DO SO AND HOW CRAZY IT IS. BUT THOSE STILL TRYING TO FIND LOGIC IN OTOKOJUKU PROBABLY STOPPED READING IT LONG AGO. BESIDES, QUBILAI KHAN (YEAH I KNOW I SHOULD USE MANY OTHER NAMES INSTEAD OF THAT) IS ESSENTIALLY GOING TO BE FIGHTING IN A GIANT FISHBOWL. WHICH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

AS FOR KYRGYZ'S BIT AT THE START. ASIDE FROM HIM DESERVING HIS DEATH, IT DOES SEEM TO BE A RECURRING PROBLEM IN THIS SERIES. WHEN DOES AN OPPONENT CLAIM THEY GIVE UP ACTUALLY GIVE UP AND WHEN DO THEY JUST LIE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR OPPONENT'S STUPIDITY? MY GUESS USUALLY IF THEY STILL HAVE A WILL TO FIGHT, THEY KEEP FIGHTING. (REMEMBER HENSHOUKI'S FAKE HAND BIT) BUT IF THEY'RE STILL ALIVE AND BEEN BEATEN SENSELESS TO DEFEAT, THEN FOR THE MOST PART IT'S OVER. TOGASHI WAS RIGHT IN CALLING TORAMARU AN IDIOT FOR LETTING A STILL ACTIVE KYRGYZ TRICK HIM (THOUGH TORAMARU CAN BE CALLED AN IDIOT FOR MANY REASONS). BUT AT LEAST THAT PEBBLE KNOCKED HIM DOWN TO WHERE HE BELONGED.

WH...WHAT!! TH...THAT SHOU-KAKU, HE'S TAKEN THE INVITATION OF THAT GUY QUBILAI KHAN AND IS TAKING ON THAT BATTLE UN-DERWATER!
WH...WHAT A RECKLESS GUY----!!

CHP. 226:
GRUESOME!!!
SUIRON POOKYUU
凄絶!!!
水龍轟球の巻

I HAVE NEVER HAD EVEN ONE OF MY OPPONENTS LIVE AND ESCAPE FROM A SUIRON POOKYUU!!
BEFORE THE BATTLE, I WILL TELL YOU ONE THING...
IF YOU RE-CONSIDER, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!!
IN THAT CASE, I TOO WILL SAY SOME-THING...
FU, ISN'T THAT FUNNY, POISON-FIST...!!
IF YOU EVEN GET GRAZED BY THIS POISON-FIST, YOU WILL BE DEAD FOR SURE!!

!!
DO YOU THINK THAT THING CAN BE USED ON ME---!!
GU!!

HA!!
IT'S USELESS YOU CAN SEND OUT ANY NUMBER OF MOVES, BUT I WON'T EVEN GET A SCRATCH WITH THAT SLUGGISH FIST!!
IN THE WATER, YOU CAN'T EVEN UTILIZE EVEN 10% OF YOUR TRUE POWER!!
NUU!!

THAT IS THE ESSENCE OF MONGOL SUICHUU TOUHOU!!
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FOR ME!! EVEN WHEN UNDERWATER, MY MOVEMENTS ARE STILL THE SAME WITH ON LAND!
GUHA!!
!!
!!
I...DON'T BELIEVE IT!! HOW...THAT GUY HAS THOSE NIMBLE MOVEMENTS----!
SHO... SHOU-KAKU ----!!

YOU SHOULD SEE THIS.
THIS DEGREE DOESN'T SURPASS BASIC EXERCISES FOR ACCUSTOMING MY BODY.
IT'S STILL EARLY TO BE SURPRISED.
!?
NUN!!

TN: "KASHOU GYORAIJIN" = "WHIRLPOOL-BANANA TORPEDO-BLADES"

MUU!!
HE'S ROTATING WITH BLADES ON BOTH HANDS IN THOSE STRANGE SHAPES WHILE ATTACKING WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE----!!
UOO! WH... WHAT IS TH...THAT ----!!

FU! YOU'RE AIMING FOR AN OPENING CREATED WHEN I ASCEND FOR CATCHING MY BREATH.
YOU MOVE ONLY A LITTLE, YOU HOPE I WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY BREATHING FASTER THAN YOU
TEN MINUTES ……!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T NEED TO CATCH MY BREATH FOR TEN MINUTES FROM TRAINING THAT WAS BEYOND IMAGINATION AND CAN CONTINUE MY ATTACKS
BUT THAT IS A GREAT MISTAKE.

UNDERSTAND!! YOU YOURSELF SHOULD GRADUALLY REACH YOUR LIMIT BEFORE THEN!! YOU MUST GO UP TO BREATHE---!
WELL, THE AIR-HOLE IS HERE!!
NUUU; IT'S...AS HE SAID: I'M ALREADY AT MY LIMIT...!! I...IF I DON'T GET MY BREATH IMMEDIATELY .....!
BU...BUT, HE'LL BE LYING IN WAIT.....!!
IF...THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY THAT REMAINS !!

MU!!
NUUU, THIS IS BLACK DYE!!
WH WHAT IS THIS THE WATER COLOR IS...!!!

I DO THIS SORT OF PREPARATION.
I'M NOT A FOOL TO THE POINT OF PLUNGING WITHOUT BEING PREPARED FOR AN UNKNOWN DUELING METHOD THAT IS PROVIDED BY THE ENEMY.
Y... YOU.....!!
WITH THAT, WE WON'T KNOW WHAT'S OCCURRING INSIDE---!!
LOOK----!! THE WATER IN THE GLASS BALL IS BECOMING BLACK---!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HIDE, THERE ISN'T A MEANS FOR YOU TO COME TO THIS AIR-HOLE!!
FU, BUT THIS DOESN'T SURPASS WICKED MISCHIEF AFTER ALL
AS LONG AS I'M HOLDING YOU BACK, THERE ISN'T A HOPE FOR YOU!!
!!
EVEN SO, HIS LIMIT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SURPASSED LONG AGO...!!
……!!

FU. I'VE FOUND YOU!!
YOU MAKE A SOUND THAT ESCAPES AS BUBBLES FROM THAT PLACE.
I'VE GOT YOU ---!!
NU!!

WHA!? TH... THAT'S .....!!

HA!!
I BLEW MY BREATH INTO THIS AND SET THIS UP LIKE IT WAS EMITTING BUBBLES!!
!!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S THE LEATHER BAG WHERE I KEEP THE DYE THAT WAS SPRINKLED EARLIER.....!!

FUFU: I NEVER REALIZE THAT AIR WAS THIS DELICIOUS
NUUU!! Y...YOU,
HOW DARE YOU DO THIS CHILD'S PLAY TO QUBILAI KHAN!!
NOW I'LL MAKE YOU MINCEMEAT ---!!

IT SEEMS THEY TIME HAS COME TO SHOW MY TRUE FACE!!
NA!?

YOU LOSE, QUBILAI KHAN!!
GHOO!!

NUGU GU!!
IM IMPOSSI BLE, I'VE BEEN DE- FEATED IN THE SUIRON POOKYUU DU DUELING METHOD !!
YOU DON'T UNDER- STAND..
YOU'VE BEEN DEFEATED BY YOUR OWN PRIDE....!!

TH..THAT'S .....!!
N..NO, WAIT!! SOMEONE IS APPEARING WITHIN THAT GLASS BALL---!
I...I DON'T GET IT! WHAT EX- ACTLY IS HAP- PENING WITHIN THE GLASS BALL---!!

E...EIKEI---!!
SH....SHOU KAKU WAS EIKEI AFTER ALL---!

TN:

SO.. WHO DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING? YEAH, AS I MENTIONED PRIOR, WE KNEW IT WAS EIKEI ESSENTIALLY FROM AT LEAST THE POINT THAT HE SPOKE WITH JAKI BACK IN THE SEMI-FINALS (MAYBE SOONER CONSIDERING HOW OBVIOUS IT WAS HIM), BUT I HAD TO AT LEAST KEEP THE SECRET IN CASE..YOU KNOW, IT WAS SOME GUY ACTING LIKE IT WAS EIKEI ACTING LIKE IT WAS SHOUKAKU.

BUT HEY, AT LEAST THE SHITENNOU HAS BEEN REUNITED AND EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINE WITH THEM FOR THE REST OF THE TOURNEY (THOUGH I DOUBT ANYOF THEM WILL BE FIGHTING ANY FURTHER IN THIS TOURNAMENT AFTER THIS FIGHT. AS FOR THE FIGHT.. I ACTUALLY LIKED THE STRATEGIES THAT WERE USED, IN PARTICULAR TRYING TO BLOCK OUT QUBILAI SO HE COULD GET A MEANS TO BREATHE WHILE QUBILAI JUST GOES ABOUT IN HIS FISHY WAYS, BUT IT STILL DID SEEM A TAD CONVENIENT THAT HE HAD THAT BLACK DYE JUST AS A "MEANS IN CASE HE EVER HAD TO USE IT".

I CAN UNDERSTAND PREP-WORK IN A FIGHT, BUT WHILE I GET THE SATIRE OF OTOKOJUKU IT STILL DOES SEEM SOMETIMES UNBELIEVABLE WHAT ENDS UP HAPPENING THAT MAKES FOR THESE THINGS TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

E... EIKEI ---!!
E... EIKEI'S ALIVE ---!!
O...OTOKOJUKU'S SECOND HELPER WAS EIKEI AFTER ALL---!!
水中の悪魔の巻

水中の悪魔の巻

CHP. 227: THE UNDERWATER DEVILS

YES ....!!
WITH THAT, THE ENTIRE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED.
THE MEANING POSSESSED BY THAT MASK
THE GLASS SPHERE HAD BECOME PITCH-BLACK AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON WITHIN BUT THIS SEEMS LIKE IT'S ALREADY OVER!!
IT'S...NO WONDER WHY HE'S SO STRONG!! IT'S BE-CAUSE EIKEI...NO, EIKEI-SENPAI IS THE STRONGEST OF OTOKOJUKU'S SHITENNOU!!
WAHHAHAHA, REALLY, CAN'T WE LOVE IT LIKE THIS!!
UMU ....!!
WE...WELL, EIKEI-SENPAI---!! PLEASE COME UP TO HERE QUICKLY AND TELL US YOUR STORY---!

NA!!
WH... WHAT ---!!
TH...THAT QUBILAI KHAN HASN'T DIED YET----!!

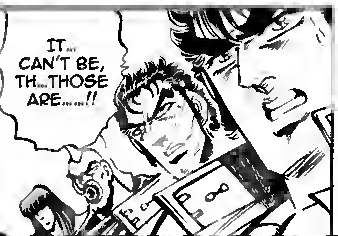
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DEFEAT SO EASILY QUBI-LAI KHAN, THE UNDERWATER KING?
Y..YOU SAY YOU'RE EIKE! .....!!
YOU GOUGED OUT WITH YOUR BLADE THE WOUNDS AND TOOK OUT THE POISON .....!!
NUUU!! Y..YOU!
THE REAL MATCH IS FROM HERE---!!
RIGHT!!

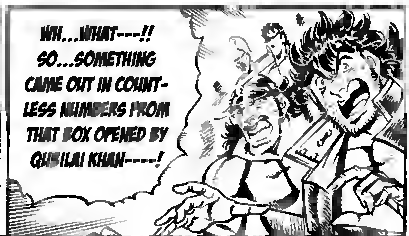
YOU'RE TENACIOUS IN A SPLENDID MATCH WHILE MY ENEMY
BUT THIS MATCH IS ALREADY OVER!! YOU CAN'T USE YOUR UNDERWATER BATTLE METHOD WITH THAT BLEEDING!
HA!!

I'LL SHOW YOU!!
WHAT IS THAT BOX!!
TRUMP CARD.....!?
I HAVE THIS FINAL TRUMP CARD!!
FUFU. REALLY, IS THAT SO?

!!
GO!! UNDER WATER DEVILS!!

TH... THOSE ARE...!!


IT... CAN'T BE, TH...THOSE ARE.....!!


WH...WHAT----!! SO...SOMETHING CAME OUT IN COUNT-LESS NUMBERS FROM THAT BOX OPENED BY QUBILAI KHAN-----!

COUNTLESS PIRANHAS BEARING SHARP FANGS ARE SURROUNDING EIKE!----!!
PI... PIRANHAS !!
.....!!
YOUR ENTIRE BODY WILL BE PECKED AT AND YOU'LL DIE BECOMING JUST BONES----!!
UWAHHAHAHA! I DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN THE TERROR OF THOSE THINGS!!

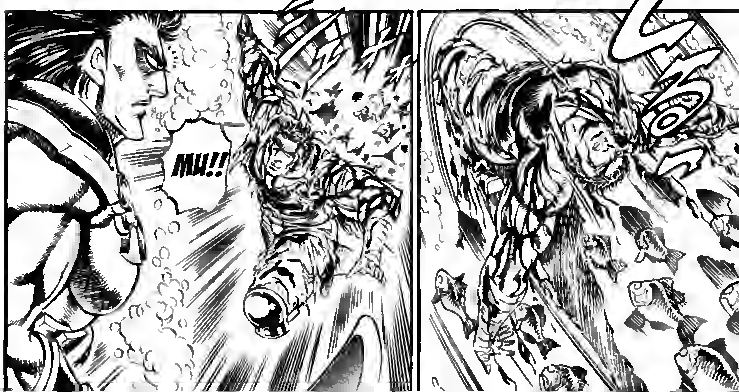
ITS FANGS WILL TURN A WATER BUFFALO THAT HAS COME TO BATHE INTO JUST BONE IN TENS OF SECONDS WHEN A HUNDRED ARE TOGETHER. INCIDENTALLY, ITS MEAT IS TERRIBLY DELICATE AND IT IS ONE OF THE THREE GREAT DELICACIES OF MANHAN QUANXI, LINED UP WITH SWALLOW'S NEST AND BEAR CLAW -FROM "EAT OR BE EATEN!" CIRCUMSTANCES OF WORLD GOURMET", MINMEI PUBLISHING
* MONGHOUL PIRANHA...IN GENERAL, THE FEROCIOUS NATURE OF THE PIRANHA IS WELL KNOWN, BUT AMONG THEM, THE MONGHOUL PIRANHA, WHICH LIVES IN THE ORI-NORU RIVER OF MONGOLIA, IS FEARED AS "THE UNDERWATER DEVIL" BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE FOR ITS LARGE LENGTH AND ITS PARTICULAR BRUTALITY.
MONGHOUL PIRANHA
LENGTH· ABOUT 18CM
KILL HIM ----!!

GU!!

WAHHAHAHA, WELL, HAVE YOU REAL-IZED IT---!!
YOU MAY GO UP MANY TIMES, BUT YOU CAN'T KILL ALL OF THEM---!!
NUGA!!

NUU!!
HA!!
WH... WHY!!
WHY THEY DON'T ATTACK HIM!!
IT SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MASTER THE FISH....!!
HE...HE HAS SOMETHING!!

IF...IF IT IS, THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO.....!!
IT...IT'S PERHAPS .....!!


MU!!
GLOW

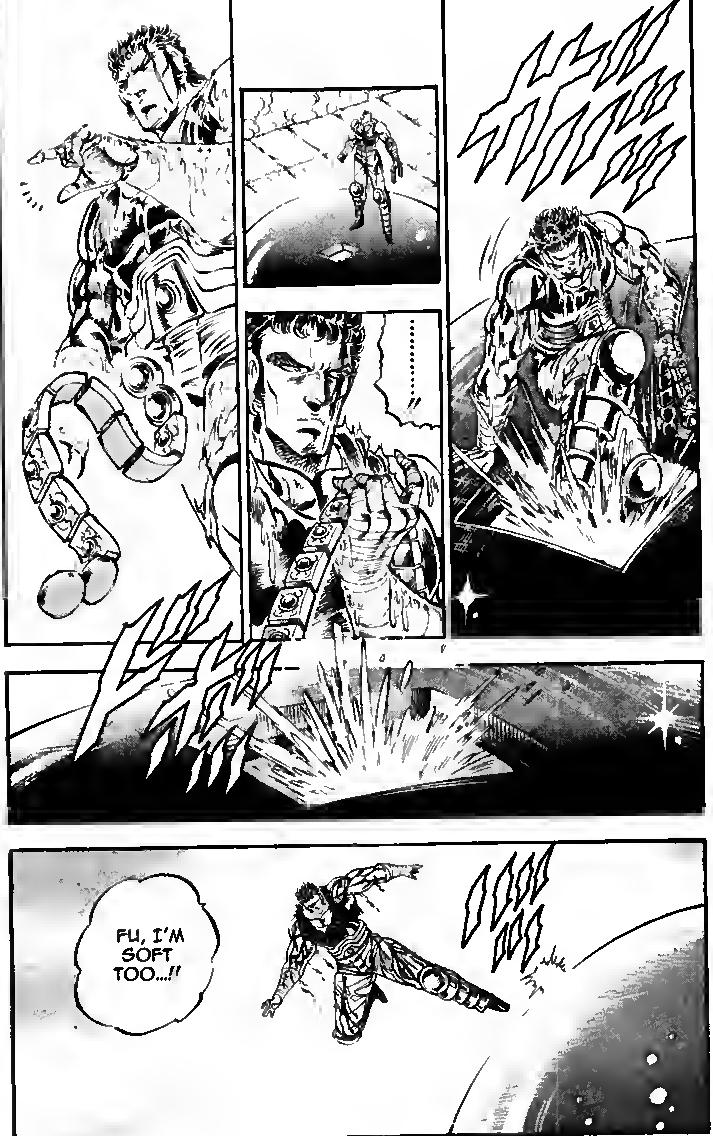
FU! YOU'VE GIVEN UP RUNNING AROUND AND HAVE LAUNCHED YOUR FINAL ATTACK!!
BUT IT'S USELESS!! CAN I BE DEFEATED BY YOU WITH WOUNDS ALL OVER YOUR BODY NOW---!
E... EIKE! ---!!
HI...HIS LEG WAS DAMAGED---!! HI...WITH THAT, HE CAN'T EVEN MOVE ANYMORE---!

WELL, NOW EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!!
WITH THAT, IT'S OVER.
N!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALL OF YOU.....!!
HA!!
IT'S, NOT HERE !!
WHY ARE YOU PANICK-ING!?

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR THIS!?
YOUR COLLAR HAD CRYSTAL ROCK SALT COMING OUT
IT'S NATURAL THAT PIRANHAS, WHICH ARE FRESHWATER FISH, HATE THE SALT THAT IS MELTING AND GOING INTO THE WATER WITH THIS...!!
Y...YOU.....!!
RI..RIGHT, TH..THAT BLOW EARLIER.....!!
THEREFORE, THE PIRANHAS DON'T GET CLOSE TO YOU
WITH THIS, THE SITUATION HAS REVERSED!!
FU, Y..YOU'RE A TERRIFYING MAN, EIKE!.....!
YOU'VE NOTICED IT WHILE BEING ATTACK BY THE FISH.....!!
IT SEEMS I CAN ONLY ACCEPT IT COMING TO THIS.

GUWAAA
!!

YOU REAP
WHAT YOU
SOW.


FU, I'M SOFT TOO...!!

TN:

YEAH, THAT'S ONE THING YOU REALLY NEED TO COME TO EXPECT REGARDING OTOKOJUKU VILLIANS NEVER SEEM TO BE DONE AND DOWN FOR WHEN YOU WANT THEM TO BE...UNTIL THEY'VE BEEN UTTERLY HUMILIATED.

HONESTLY, WHILE STANDARD PRACTICE AT THIS TIME (THOUGH STILL REALLY FUNNY), I DID LIKE THE FACT THAT THE WAY TO DEFEAT QUBILAI DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANY MORE POISON-FIST ATTACKS BY EIKEI. BUT BY TAKING AWAY A SALT-DISTRIBUTING NECKLACE THAT PREVENTED HIM FROM BEING EATEN BY HUNGRY PIRANHAS.

THAT'S ONE THING YOU HAVE TO LOVE ABOUT OTOKOJUKU EVEN WHEN IT GETS SO CLICHE: THE CRAZY BATTLE STYLES AND THE EQUALLY CRAZY BUT SENSIBLE WAYS TO TAKE THEM DOWN. THEN AGAIN, THE FACT THAT EIKEI HAS RETURNED IS JUST EPIC IN ITSELF. AND IS GOING TO NEED QUITE A BIT TO EXPLAIN HOW/WHY IT HAS HAPPENED, BUT THAT'S FOR NEXT TIME.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE .....!!
.....!!
死の指令!!の巻
EIKEI-SENPAI.../ IT SEEMS THE TIME HAS COME TO HAVE YOU SPEAK AT LAST.
WHY HAD YOU MUST HIDE YOUR REAL FACE UNTIL NOW.....!!
!!
NO, THAT WILL BE SAID FROM MY MOUTH
UMU

死の指令!!の巻

CHP. 228: THE ORDER OF DEATH

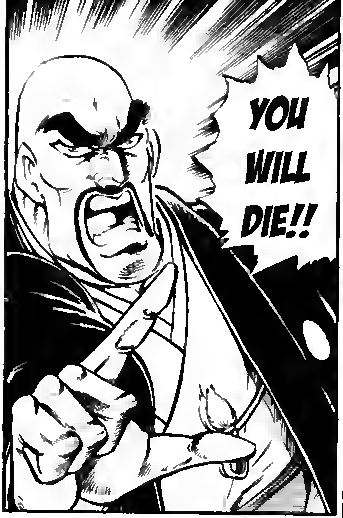
I'VE MADE YOU WORRIED.
RA. RAIDEN .....!!

AS YOU SEE, MY LEGS HAVE REACHED HERE.
ZOOOOO
THIS ISN'T A DREAM OR ME APPEARING IN A DISGUISE.
RA...RAIDEN SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THAT COWARDLY HAND OF RYOUKOU, THE HEAD OF THE RYOUZANPAKU 16-GREATS IN THE SEMI-FINALS AND DIED BEING SWALLOWED INTO THE WATERFALL..!!
TH. THIS IS RIDICULOUS..!! WE. WE HA..HAVE TO BE DREAMING...!
ピキピキ
IT WAS BY EIKEI-DONO WHO WAS THERE!!
I TOO HAD MY LIFE RESCUED LIKE TOGASHI AND HIEN.
"IN TRUTH, I AND THE MONKEYS HAD ALREADY LOST CONSCIOUS AND WERE ON THE VERGE OF FALLING INTO THE WATERFALL BASIN."
ZZZOOO!!

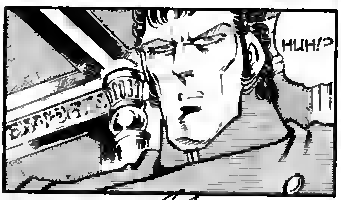
BUT BARELY .....!!

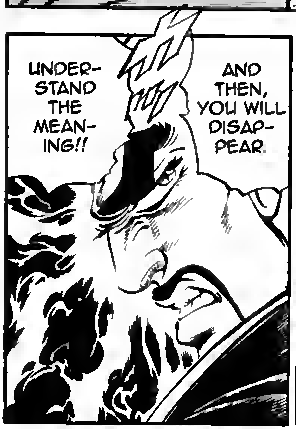
AT THAT MOMENT, EIKEI-DONO TOLD ME EVERY-THING.
AND THEN, WHEN I BECAME AWARE, COM-PLETE MEDI-CAL CARE HAD BEEN DONE ON ME AND THE UN-MASKED EIKEI-DONO WAS THERE.

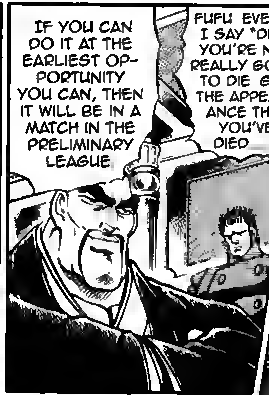
I WAS UNDERTAKING THE PRINCIPAL'S SECRET ORDER AND MOBILIZED FOR IT!!
THIS ENTIRELY WAS THE PRINCIPAL'S IDEA.....!!
HE REST WILL BE TOLD BY ME.
THE... PRINCIPAL.....!!
THIRD-YEAR EIKEI ENTERING!!
塾長室
YES; I WAS CALLED INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE ALONE THE MORNING THAT OTOKOJUKU DEPARTED FOR THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI.....!!!
I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU, EDAJIMA HEIHACHI!!


YOU WILL DIE!!

EIKEI,
AS YOU HEAD OUT FOR THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI, I HAVE A COMMAND FOR YOU AS GENERAL OF OTOKOJUKU'S SHITENNOU!!


HUH!?


UNDER-STAND THE MEAN-ING!!
AND THEN, YOU WILL DISAP-PEAR.


IF YOU CAN DO IT AT THE EARLIEST OP-PORTUNITY YOU CAN, THEN IT WILL BE IN A MATCH IN THE PRELIMINARY LEAGUE.
FUFU. EVEN IF I SAY "DIE", YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO DIE GIVE THE APPEAR-ANCE THAT YOU'VE DIED.."

UNDER-STOOD ……!!
YOU'LL TELL ME TO PRO-TECT MY ALLIES FROM THE BACK.
RIGHT. THIS FACT WILL NEVER BE KNOWN BY MOMO AND YOUR OTHER ALLIES.
THEY MUST THINK YOU'VE DIED TO THE END!!
BECAUSE WE'LL CER-TAINLY GEN-ERATE UNPRE-PAREDNESS DUE TO THEIR FEELING OF RELIEF IF THEY KNEW!!
CERTAINLY, PRINCIPAL!!
EIKEI WILL WAGER HIS LIFE ON IT..!!
I LEAVE THAT TO YOU!!
FUFU· THAT WAS AT MOST PA-RENTAL LOVE...!!

BUT JUST YOU WATCHING OVER US MADE YOU GRIEVE IN THE LONG RUN.
IT WAS THERE THAT YOU HAD CIRCUMSTANCE TO HIDE YOUR TRUE IDENTITY WITH A MASK AND PARTICIPATE WHEN YOU SAW THE CHANCE.
I PRETENDED TO LOSE AND DIE IN THE BATTLE WITH TAIGEN HOUSHI OF THE GANDHARA 16-MONKS OF THE PRELIMINARY LEAGUE.
AND THUS, I DID AS ORDERED BY THE PRINCIPAL.

BUT THEN, THESE HORRIBLE MONKEYS ARE DIFFERENT!!
BU..BUT IT REALLY IS GOOD! RAIDEN, YOU'RE ALIVE!!
RI...RIGHT! HE WOULD DO THAT. AS EXPECTED OF OLDIE EDAJIMA!!
FU. BUT IF WE'VE COME THIS FAR, IT'S NOT NECESSARY ANYMORE

KIKI
Y...YOU!!
UWA!!
UWAHHAHA, THAT'S GOOD, TORAMARU! YOU'VE HAVE THESE GOOD FRIENDS!!
I...I'M BEING MOCKED BY THESE MONKEYS!!

UUH, I...I WAS NEGLIGENT.
SO...SORRY BUT GIVE ME A HAND.
NEG-LIGENT .....!!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND YET, YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINTS HIM...!!

BESIDES, YOU HAD THE SYMPATHY OF THE ENEMY AND YOUR LIFE WAS SAVED . . .!!
E...EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...!!
HA!!
KNOW SHAME !!

HO!!
UGYAA
!!

GYAAA ---!!
OTOKO-JUKU .....!!
I WON'T LET ANY OF YOU LIVE.

AT THE SAME TIME AS HE HELD HIS HAND, QU...QUBILAI KHAN'S BODY SUDDENLY WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES .....!!
E, EVEN SO, THAT NOW WAS...!?
WH...WHAT A GUY. QUBILAI KHAN, WHOSE LIFE WAS SAVED WITH PAIN BY EIKEI-SENPAI WAS KILLED---!!
WH... WHAT---!! L...LOOK!

THE FLOOR OF THE BATTLEGROUND OPENED AND SOME LARGE TREE-LIKE THING THAT'S SHINING HAS RISEN IN PLACE OF THE GLASS SPHERE---!!
WH... WHAT IS TH... THAT---!!

TN: "RYUUKYOU HYOUJU" = "NARROW-SULFUR ICE-TREES"

AND THE SAUCER BENEATH IS COMPLETELY FILLED WITH A CONCENTRATED SULFURIC ACID LIQUID.
AS SUCH, THEY'RE EXTRAORDINARILY BRITTLE THINGS
IF YOU FALL IN, NOT EVEN YOUR BONES WILL BE LEFT.
WHO WILL BE AN OPPONENT TO SHAI KHAN HERE!?
WELL WHO WILL IT BE!!
REALLY, THESE OUTRAGEOUS THINGS ARE SENT OUT FROM ONE TO ANOTHER---!!
WH... WHAT---!! FIGHT ON TOP OF THOSE ICE TREES---!
I...IDIOT---!! WHO WOULD DO THAT DANGEROUS BATTLE---!

SINCE THEN, DUE TO TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THIRD-DIMENSIONAL MOVEMENTS ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ICE-MAKING TECHNOLOGY, IT BECAME A BATTLE ON TOP OF ICE IMITATING TREES BUT THAT IS THE DUELING METHOD OF RYUUKYOU HYOUJU. INCIDENTALLY, EVEN IN THE PRESENT, THE SAYING OF "THE THOUGHT OF STEPPING ONTO THIN ICE" FOR AN APPEARANCE OF SHRINKING WITH DREAD CAME FORTH FROM HERE -FROM "SKATER'S WALTZ". MINMEI PUBLISHING
RYUUKYOU HYOUJU...ITS ORIGIN WAS AS A NARROW ICE BATTLE THAT OCCURRED VIGOROUSLY IN THE CENTER OF MONGOLIA. IT IS A THING THAT IS FOUGHT IN THE MIDST OF TERROR, WHERE IS SAID THAT THEY CHOOSE LAKES THAT HAVE BEEN SPREAD WITH THIN ICE SAID TO BE APPROXIMATELY 1CM IN THICKNESS AND WHERE THEY MAY BE ABLE TO BREAK THE ICE EVENTUALLY. NATURALLY, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE TAIJUTSU THAT EXCELS IN MOVEMENTS THAT WON'T BREAK THE THIN ICE.
THIS BATTLE WILL BE TAKEN BY ME, WHO HAS COME BACK FROM HELL!!
AMUSING
RA... RAIDEN !!

TN:

ALRIGHT, HONEST QUESTION TIME. WHICH IS MORE EPIC
1. THE RETURN OF RAIDEN IN ALL HIS MARTIAL ARTIST (AND MONKEY BUDDY) GLORY?
2. THE WHOLE FACT THAT EDAJIMA LITERALLY TOLD SOMEONE TO DIE. NO QUESTIONS ASKED?

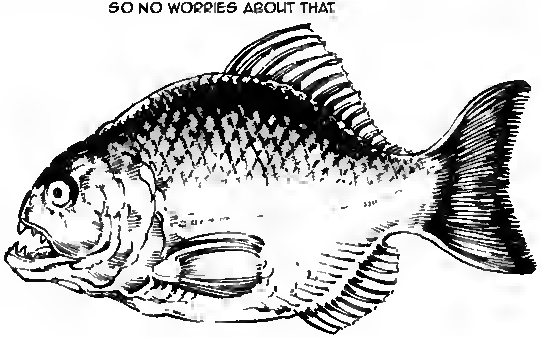
I'D SAY BOTH (THEN AGAIN AS I'VE SAID BEFORE: SELF-PROCLAIMED RAIDEN FAN), BUT I THINK IN SOME WAYS THE LATTER IS JUST FUNNIER AND MORE EPIC AS WELL AS ACTUALLY SHOWED SOME OF THE BACK-PLOTTING THAT MIYASHITA ACTUALLY GOT AWAY WITH. (SORT OF) WHEN EDAJIMA HEIHACHI TELLS YOU TO DO SOMETHING, YOU MUST DO IT. AND I MEAN "MUST". (UNLESS YOU'RE TOGASHI. THEN YOU'D PROBABLY COMPLAIN A LOT, GET YOURSELF BEATEN TO A BLOODY PULP BY YOUR PRINCIPAL... THEN DO IT)

THE MERE FACT THAT EIKEI'S "DEATH" WAS ORCHESTRATED SO HE COULD WORK BEHIND THE SCENES WAS JUST A GENIUS MOVE, ALLOWING FOR SOMEONE TO ACTUALLY PROTECT OTOKOJUKU FROM BEHIND THE SCENES WITHOUT HAVING TO SACRIFICES A TON OF LIVES THAT USUALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE TOURNAMENT. WITHOUT EIKEI BEING THERE PROTECTING THEM, THE LIKES OF TOGASHI, HIEN AND RAIDEN WOULD HAVE ALL PERISHED. AND WITHOUT THEM, IT WOULD HAVE MADE THIS TOURNAMENT WAY HARDER.

THOUGH WHILE IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS THE ULTIMATE PROTECTION OF THE DEATH CONCEPT, THERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS THAT JUST KEEP BUGGING ME ABOUT IT.
-FIRST OF ALL, WHY DIDN'T EIKEI DO IT EARLIER? SURE, I GET THAT HE HAD TO DO IT BEFORE THE END OF THE PRELIMINARIES, BUT COULDN'T HE HAVE DONE IT PRIOR TO THE FIGHT WITH GANDHARA? I GET SOME WOULD SUGGEST THE PRELIMINARIES AS BEING THE "EASY PART" OF THE TOURNAMENT, BUT THERE WERE STILL CASUALTIES IN THE FIRST COUPLE OF MATCHES. SUCH AS DOKUGANTETSU AGAINST THE LEADER OF ROUROUKAN OR HENSHOUKI WITH CENTAUR. (ZEUS HIMSELF WAS INSANE BUT THAT WAS JAKI'S PREY SO OF COURSE THAT WASN'T A MEANS TO GO OUT THERE) AND WHILE EVERYONE (NOT TOGASHI AND TORAMARU) GOT THEIR CHANCE IN THE PRELIMINARIES, THERE WERE AMPLE OPPONENTS PRIOR TO THE GANDHARA FIGHT WHERE EIKEI COULD HAVE DONE HIS DEATH MATCH (MY ONLY REAL GUESS: EIKEI PROBABLY FIGURED OTOKOJUKU WOULD GET TO THE END OF THE PRELIMS AND THEN PERFORM HIS BIG "DISAPPEARING ACT" WITH THE FINALS OF THAT PHASE. THEN AGAIN THERE WAS THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF HIEN LITERALLY BEING THERE CONFIRMING HIS DEATH BEFORE TAKING DOWN THE OPPONENT, SO HOW TO FOOL SOMEONE AS MEDICALLY TRAINED AS HIM IS BEYOND ME)

-SECONDLY. IF EIKEI WAS SO INTENT ON SAVING PEOPLE, THEN WHY DION'T HE SAVE EVERYONE WHO DIED IN THE TOURNAMENT? I MEAN, I GET THE SAVING OF TOGASHI, HIEN AND RAIDEN CONSIDERING IT'S CONVENIENCE AND THE SITUATIONS THEY OCCURRED WITH. BUT WHAT ABOUT BARON DINO. SURE THE OTHER CHINJU CORRIDOR FIGHTERS WERE BEFORE EIEKIE WENT UNDERCOVER, BUT DINO FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED HIMSELF IN THAT MATCH! THEN AGAIN... I GUESS BOTH THE WILL DINO HAD PLUS THE FACT HE WAS TAKING SOMEONE WITH WASN'T CONVENIENT FOR HIM. AND THEN THERE IS GEKKOU... THAT JUST RECENTLY HAPPENED SURE AND HE WAS THROWN INTO A CHASM, BUT WITH EIKEI NEARBY, HE COULD HAVE AT LEAST TRIED

I SWEAR THERE ARE OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT... BUT HEY, RAIDEN'S FIGHTING NEXT SO NO WORRIES ABOUT THAT



LEAVE THIS MATCH TO ME!!
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THIS IS NONE TOO SOON FOR RESUSCITATING THIS DULLED BODY!!
IT'S FUTILE TO WORRY!! THIS TENDER BODY SHOULDN'T BE HELD BY SANMENKEN RAIDEN!

RI...RIGHT NOW YOU HAVEN'T BEEN COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM THE WOUNDS ON YOUR BODY
Y...YOU SAY LEAVE THIS TO YOU, IS...THAT ALRIGHT, RAIDEN?
AND THAT DUELING METHOD CALLED RYOUKYOU HYOUJUI IS A PREPOSTEROUS THING!!

KII
KIK!!!
WAIT HERE!!
NO!! THIS MATCH ISN'T A CIRCUMSTANCE TO BE TAKEN BY YOU!
YOU'LL JUST BE A BURDEN!!
IF I SAY NO, THEN IT'S NO!!
SO THEN, TO HIM!!
.....!!

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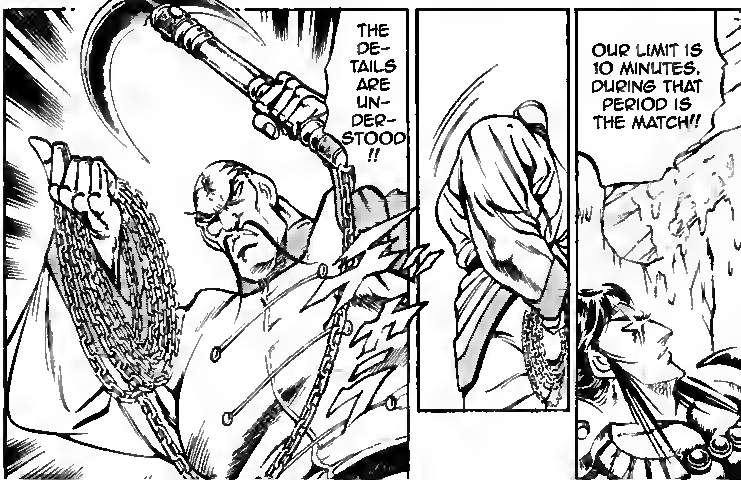
FU, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DEJECTED ABOUT.
RAIDEN WASN'T REALLY THINKING THAT YOU ALL WERE A BURDEN!!
WHEN HE THOUGHT OF YOU, HE COULDN'T GO TAKING YOU.
DON'T WORRY, RAIDEN WON'T LOSE.
I'M CERTAIN HE'LL WIN AND COME BACK!!
KII--!!

I WILL TELL YOU JUST ONE THING I FORGOT TO MENTION ,DUE TO THE HEAT OF THE SULFURIC ACID BENEATH THE FROSTY TREES,
THEN THIS WILL COME DOWN TO THE MELTING AND FRAGILE INSTABILITY ALONG WITH TIME.
EVEN IF YOU CAME OUT WITHOUT BEING TIMID OF THIS RYUUKYOU HYOUJU DUEL, CAN YOU SUPPORT THAT?
MAGNIFICENT BODY JUDGMENT. YOU SEEM TO HAVE QUITE THE SELF-CONFIDENCE IN TAIJUTSU.


THE DETAILS ARE UNDERSTOOD !!
OUR LIMIT IS 10 MINUTES. DURING THAT PERIOD IS THE MATCH!!

"GESSAJIN" = "MOON-CHAIN BLADE"

WITH THAT, THERE'S NO WORRY OF FALLING.
FU: A SICKLE AND CHAIN
HA ---!!

KU!!
HOO: A...AMAZING, RAIDEN!! YOU'RE USING THE SICKLE AND CHAIN LIKE A PENDULUM AND ARE WAGING TREMENDOUS CONSECUTIVE ATTACKS----!
T...THAT'S AS IF HE'S LIKE TARZAN---!!

I WANTED A SITUATION WHERE THIS MATCH WOULD BE A BIT MORE INTERESTING, BUT NOT LIKE THIS!!
FU, YOU CAN DO THAT!!
IN THAT CASE, I CAN ONLY END THIS MATCH AT ONCE WITH THE HIOUGI I POSSESS!!
!?

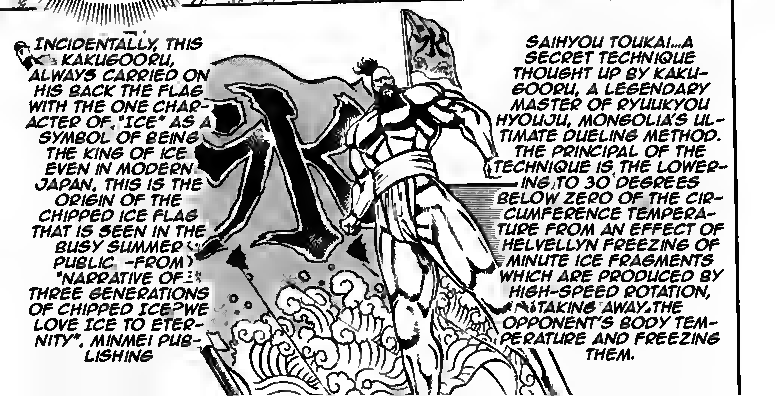
YOU SHOULD LAMENT BEING A FOOL FOR CONTENDING WITH ME IN THIS RYUU-KYOU HYOUJU DUEL!!
WH...WHAT IS HE DOING? TH...THAT GUY SHAI KHAN---!!
HE...HE'S STANDING ON TOP OF A STANGE UTEN-SIL ON TOP OF THE FROSTED TREES-----!!

"SAIHYOU TOUKAI" = "ICE-SMASHING FROZEN-WORLD"

YOU WILL FREEZE IN THE ICE THAT IS BEING SMASHED UP AND FREEZE TO DEATH!!
FUFFUFFU! THERE'S NO-WHERE TO RUN FOR YOU NO MATTER HOW YOU STRUGGLE!!
WH... WHAT .....!!

NUO!!
L...LOOK---!! THE FINELY SMASHED-UP ICE ON RAIDEN'S BODY IS THICKENING WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE----!
WH...WHAT---! HE'LL FREEZE UP AND FREEZE TO DEATH----!!
THE TEMPERATURE WITHIN THAT SNOWSTORM IS 30 BELOW ZERO.
YOUR BODY IS STEADILY BEING PARALYZED AND YOU SHOULD BE COMING UNABLE MOVE.....!!

SHOULDN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'LL JUST QUICKEN YOUR FREEZING TO DEATH IF YOU DO THAT?
FU: ARE YOU SHAKEN? YOU'RE TAKING OFF THE CLOTHES YOU'RE WEARING!!
WAHHAHAHA, IN ANY CASE, THAT'S MATCH~~~!!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU CHOOSE TO DIE YOURSELF SO YOU CAN IMMEDIATELY ESCAPE THIS?!


INCIDENTALLY, THIS KAKUGOORU, ALWAYS CARRIED ON HIS BACK THE FLAG WITH THE ONE CHARACTER OF, "ICE" AS A SYMBOL OF BEING THE KING OF ICE EVEN IN MODERN JAPAN, THIS IS THE ORIGIN OF THE CHIPPED ICE FLAG THAT IS SEEN IN THE BUSY SUMMER PUBLIC -FROM "NARRATIVE OF THREE GENERATIONS OF CHIPPED ICE" WE LOVE ICE TO ETERNITY". MINMEI PUBLISHING
SAIHYOU TOUKAI...A SECRET TECHNIQUE THOUGHT UP BY KAKUGOORU, A LEGENDARY MASTER OF RYUUKYOU HYOUJU, MONGOLIA'S ULTIMATE DUELING METHOD. THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TECHNIQUE IS THE LOWERING TO 30 DEGREES BELOW ZERO OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE TEMPERATURE FROM AN EFFECT OF HELVELLYN FREEZING OF MINUTE ICE FRAGMENTS WHICH ARE PRODUCED BY HIGH-SPEED ROTATION, TAKING AWAY THE OPPONENT'S BODY TEMPERATURE AND FREEZING THEM.

FU, LIKE THAT IS FINE.
YOU WEREN'T MY MATCH AFTER ALL

RA...RAIDEN!!
WH...WHAT IS THIS! RAIDEN WAS FROZEN!
DIE ---!!
NOW I'LL FINISH THIS.
YOU'VE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS ALREADY.

N!?
WH..
WHAT----!!
Y...YOU---!

THE TREMENDOUS HEAT OF THE SULFURIC ACID WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE CHAIN AND WARMED YOUR BODY.....!!
RI...RIGHT .....!!
DON'T YOU GET IT? YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS CHAIN WINDING AROUND MY BODY!!
KU!!
BUT THAT WON'T BE TAKEN AS FAR AS LIFE.....!!
A PEACEFUL DEATH .....!!

TN:

ONCE AGAIN, YOU JUST HAVE TO COMMEND MIYASHITA FOR USING SOMETHING THAT TYPICALLY WOULD SEEM LIKE A DEATH TRAP OR DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR A SHOWDOWN. AND TURNING IT INTO A MASSIVE PLUS FOR THE HERO. WHEN I SAW THE SULFURIC ACID PIT, I FIGURED THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE. YOU FALL IN THERE, YOU MELT DOWN INTO NOTHING. THE FACT THAT RAIDEN WAS ABLE TO USE HIS SICKLE AND CHAIN, WRAP IT AROUND HIS BODY AND THEN SEND IT TO THE ACID WHERE IT WOULD HELP HIM SURVIVE THE COLDNESS OF THE SHAVED ICE ATTACK TOOK A LOT OF IMAGINATION ..AND THAT I HAVE TO APPLAUD

SURE IT FEELS STRANGE RAIDEN HAS ANOTHER DAIOUJOU-RYUU BATTLE STYLE . BUT HEY, HE'S THE MARTIAL ARTS MASTER AND IS LIGHTEST ON HIS FEET TO TAKE ON SHAI KHAN ON ICY TREES SO IT SORT OF MAKES SENSE. MEANWHILE, YOU PROBABLY CAN TELL ALREADY THE MONKEYS ARE PROBABLY GOING TO PULL SOMETHING TO GET BACK IN THIS. BUT HEY, THE FACT THEY TORMENT MOMO IS PROBABLY ONE OF HIS FUNNIEST BITS IN A WHILE (WELL FUNNY BY/AGAINST HIM) IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE THE LEADER HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN SOMETHING SO AWKWARD.. BUT MONKEYS DO THAT TO ANYONE.

GUKU !!

THIS MATCH IS DECIDED ALREADY!!
IF YOU MANFULLY ACKNOWL-EDGE DEFEAT, THEN I WON'T TAKE YOUR LIFE!!
HOW WILL YOU REPLY!?
.....!!
A...AMAZING, RAIDEN! IT'S A GREAT TURN-AROUND ESCAP-ING FROM HIS FREEZING HELL!!
UHHHAHAHA: L...LOOK AT SHAI KHAN'S KAPPA HEAD--!! I CAN'T STOP LAUGHING AT HIM---!

奥義!! 灼炎昇掌の巻

奥義!! 灼炎畷掌の巻

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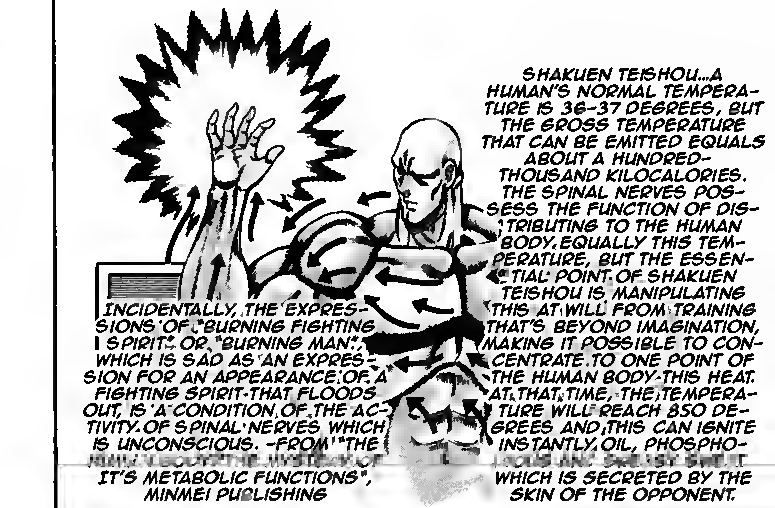
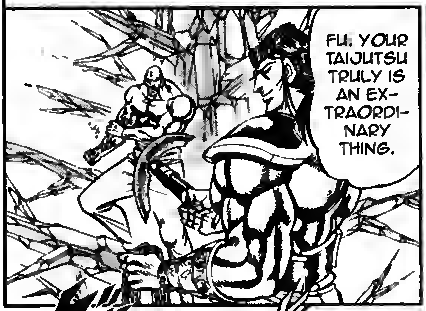
SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO!?
FUFU, SO YOU'RE CALLED RAIDEN?
IT SEEMS I MADE LIGHT OF YOUR POWER

NOTHING I CAN DO I ACKNOWLEDGE MY DEFEAT!!
I CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN AGAINST YOU
THEREFORE, THIS IS ENOUGH ALREADY
!!

TN: "SHAKUEN TEISHOU" = "MIRACULOUS-FLAME RIDGE-PATH PALM".

NUUU, TH..THIS IS.....!!
CO...COWARD, Y. YOU SH..SHOULD HAVE AC- KNOWL- EDGED DEFEAT ....!!
THERE ARE COWARDS AND S**T IN A MATCH!!
YOU WILL BE BAKED BY THIS SCORCH- ING FLAME AND DIE!!
WH..WHAT IS THAT N. NOW---!! RAIDEN'S BODY IS SUDDENLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES ---!
TH..THAT'S THE SAME TECHNIQUE AS WHEN HE KILLED QUBI- LAI KHAN---!!
SHAKUEN TEISHOU ....!!


SHAKUEN TEISHOU...A HUMAN'S NORMAL TEMPERATURE IS 36-37 DEGREES, BUT THE GROSS TEMPERATURE THAT CAN BE EMITTED EQUALS ABOUT A HUNDRED-THOUSAND KILOCALORIES. THE SPINAL NERVES POSSESS THE FUNCTION OF DISTRIBUTING TO THE HUMAN BODY, EQUALLY THIS TEMPERATURE, BUT THE ESSENTIAL POINT OF SHAKUEN TEISHOU IS MANIPULATING THIS AT WILL FROM TRAINING THAT'S BEYOND IMAGINATION, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO CONCENTRATE TO ONE POINT OF THE HUMAN BODY-THIS HEAT. AT THAT TIME, THE TEMPERATURE WILL REACH 850 DEGREES AND THIS CAN IGNITE INSTANTLY, OIL, PHOSPHO-
WHICH IS SECRETED BY THE SKIN OF THE OPPONENT.
INCIDENTALLY, THE EXPRESSIONS OF "BURNING FIGHTING SPIRIT" OR "BURNING MAN" WHICH IS SAD AS AN EXPRESSION FOR AN APPEARANCE OF A FIGHTING SPIRIT THAT FLOODS OUT, IS A CONDITION OF THE ACTIVITY OF SPINAL NERVES WHICH IS UNCONSCIOUS. -FROM "THE
IT'S METABOLIC FUNCTIONS", MINMEI PUBLISHING


FU!, YOUR TAIJUTSU TRULY IS AN EXTRAORDINARY THING.

BUT HOW ABOUT THIS!!

BUT IT ISN'T USEFUL AT ALL IF YOU CAN'T SEIZE ME
IT'S A DREADFUL FIST THAT OVERCOMES WHAT'S BEEN DONE..!!
YOU CAN'T CATCH ME WITH THE TAIJUTSU I POSSESSED

!?
UWAHHAHA: UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THIS!!
HA!!

FUFU: THAT'S FINE.
WH...WHAT---!! TH...THAT'S---! THAT SHAI KHAN---!!
THOSE BRANCHES OF THE FROSTED TREES ARE BEING BRUSHED AWAY ONE AFTER ANOTHER BY HIS BURNING HAND-BLADE---!!
WH...WHAT REMAINS ARE JUST THE TWO THAT HAVE BECOME THE FOOTHOLDS FOR RAIDEN AND HUN---!!
WITH THIS, YOU'VE COME TO NOT USE YOUR TAI-JUTSU.
FURTHER, THE ICE IS ALREADY MELTING AND MOVING FROM THERE TO ELSEWHERE IS IMPOSSIBLE.
WHAT'S LEFT IS TO JUST USE YOUR CHAIN AND COOK YOU UP!!

LET'S GO!!
NUGH !!
UH!!

GUHA !!
NHO !!
EVEN IF YOU GET UP MANY TIMES, NOTHING YOU CAN DO.
NOW, YOU SHOULD CHOOSE TO RESIGN!!

GUKU!!
DIE
---!!
UOO!!
RA...RAIDEN
WI...WILL BE
KILLED---!!
NA!!

TH...THEY'RE WEARING CLOTHES, A KEMPO GI -----!!
WH... WHAT----!! TH...THOSE MONKEYS UNAWARINGLY ----!
IT'S A SET WITH RAIDEN -----!!
Y...YOU .....!!
ARE THEY YOUR FOL-LOWERS?
FUFUFU: WHAT ARE THOSE STRANGE-LOOKING MON-KEYS!?

FU: REVENGE FOR THE MASTER WITH SOCIAL-STANDING OF BEASTS.
ST... STOP ---!!
HE'S NOT AN OPPONENT YOU CAN FACE---!!
!!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH---!!
KI!!!

KII!!
KYA!!
KIKII
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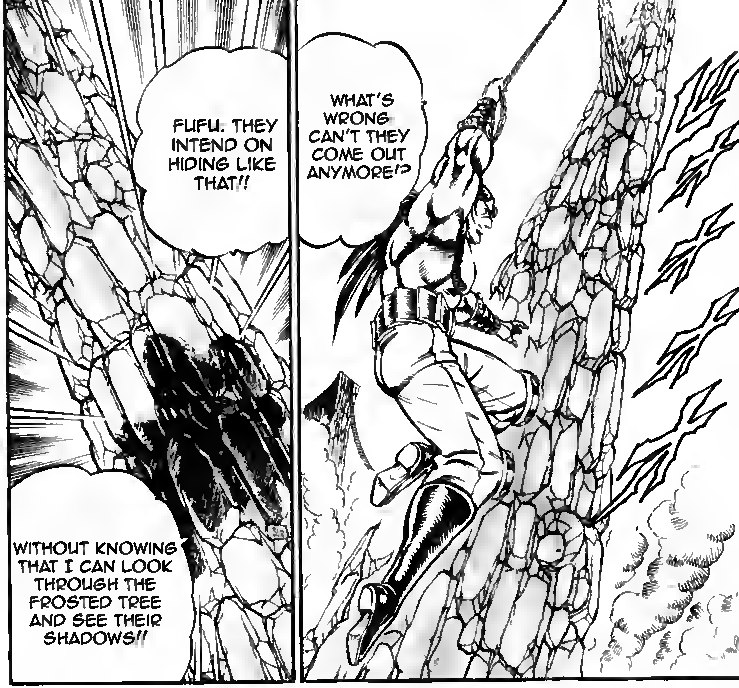
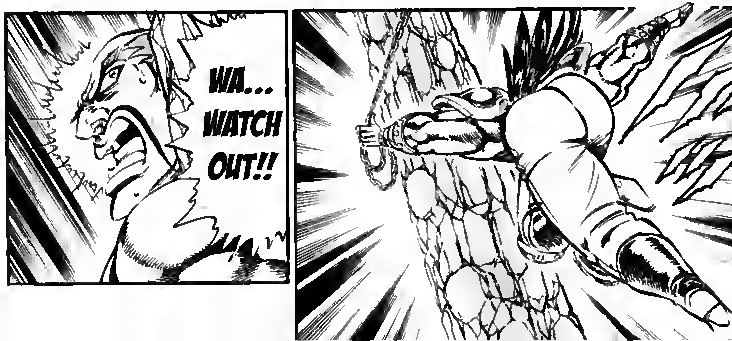
COM... COMPARED TO SETTING THAT UP WELL WITH POWER, TH...THEY WERE DEFEATED IN JUST ONE BLOW.
WH .WHAT WERE TH...THEY .....!!
TH... THEY'RE HIDING BEHIND THE FROSTED TREES.
IT'S NATURAL FOR THEM TO FEAR FIRE THE MOST.
NO MATTER HOW YOU TEACH THEM KENPOU, BEASTS ARE BEASTS AFTER ALL.


FUFU. THEY INTEND ON HIDING LIKE THAT!!
WHAT'S WRONG CAN'T THEY COME OUT ANYMORE!?
WITHOUT KNOWING THAT I CAN LOOK THROUGH THE FROSTED TREE AND SEE THEIR SHADOWS!!

I'LL SEND YOU TO THAT WORLD ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOUR MASTER
I DON'T HAVE THE LEISURE OF PLAYING WITH YOU ANY FURTHER.


WA... WATCH OUT!!

DIE, YOU SHREWD MONKEYS ---!!
HE... KILLED THEM ---!!
NO, WAIT!! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT SHAI KHAN'S APPEARANCE!
.....!!

WH...
WHAT----!!
Y...YOU
---!

TH...
THOSE
ARE---!!

UH!!

RI... RIGHT, THEY .....!!
THEY WERE AIMING FOR THIS FROM THE START .....!!
4 0 0 0 !!

TN:

I'M A TAD TIRED SO I CAN'T REALLY THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY, BUT I'LL JUST SAY THIS: YOU PROBABLY HAVE TO ADMIT IT AS CLICHED AS SOME WOULD SAY THIS WAS , THOSE WERE IMPRESSIVE MONKEYS SHOWING THAT THEY ACTUALLY WERE ABLE TO DECEIVE SHAI KHAN LIKE THAT AND ALLOW FOR HIS ULTIMATE DEFEAT/DEATH PROVES THAT NOTHING REALLY CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN A UNIVERSE WHERE ANYONE OR ANYTHING CAN FIGHT. THEN AGAIN.. THE GUY HAD HEAT FISTS (THAT REMINDED ME OF ANOTHER MANGA FOR SOME REASON) SO THAT CAME TO AN ADVANTAGE IN A REALM WITH ICE TREES.

THAT'S ABOUT IT.. WISH I COULD SAY MORE BUT I GUESS THE TIME I'M PUTTING IT UP IS HARMING MY THINKING

IF..IF I THINK OF IT, IT WAS A LONG JOURNEY .....!!
WE...WE TOOK A WRONG DIRECTION, WANDERING AROUND FROM BORNEO IN THE SOUTH TO THE ARCTIC OCEAN IN THE NORTH.....!!
IT WAS LIKE WE HAD A GRAND VOYAGE ONCE AROUND THE WORLD . .!!
UUH, BU..BUT, NOW I'M CERTAIN .....!!
WE...WE'VE FI...FINALLY MADE IT!!
TH...THAT'S THE FINAL MEETING GROUND OF THE TENCHIOU GORIN DAIBUKAI: MEIOU ISLAND---!!
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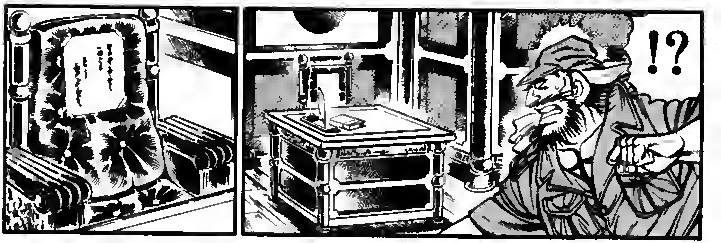
HURRY AND LAND---!!
THE RAFTS SEEM LIKE THEY'RE NOT FLOATING; FIRMLY HOLD YOUR WEIGHT AND FIX IT----!!
YE...YEAH, WE HAVE TO GO AND RIDE THESE AGAIN GOING HOME!!

RI...RIGHT! WE'RE HERE, AND WHEN WE BURST OUT WITH THE GREAT CHIME YELL, THEY'LL HAVE TREMENDOUS STRENGTH!!
UUH...I...I WANT TO MEET THEM QUICKLY, WITH MOMO, TORAMARU, TOGASHI AND THE OTHERS .....!!

HAS MOMO AND THE OTHERS BEEN FIGHTING IN THIS PLACE?
BU...BUT WHAT AN EERIE ISLAND

N!?
OOH ---- !!
YOSSHAA!! FIRST, WE'LL SEARCH THIS ISLAND AND IMMEDIATELY GET TO MOMO'S GROUP---!!
WH .WHAT IS TH...THAT .....!!
SO, SOMETHING IS MAKING A CLAMOROUS ROAR AND HEADED TOWARDS THIS ISLAND!!
IT..CAN'T BE! I...ITS----!!
TH..THIS VIOLENTLY BAD PREMONITION .....!!
WH. WHAT ---!!

RI...RIGHT NOW, I'VE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT OUR OTOKOJUKU TROOPS HAVE CRUSHED THE FORMIDABLE MONGOL SANKYOUSEN ENEMIES IN THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI-----!!
FU...FURTHERMORE, IT APPEARS THAT MATSUO AND THE FIRST-YEARS HAVE ARRIVED AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE TO MEIOH ISLAND-----!!
PR... PRINCI-PAL!!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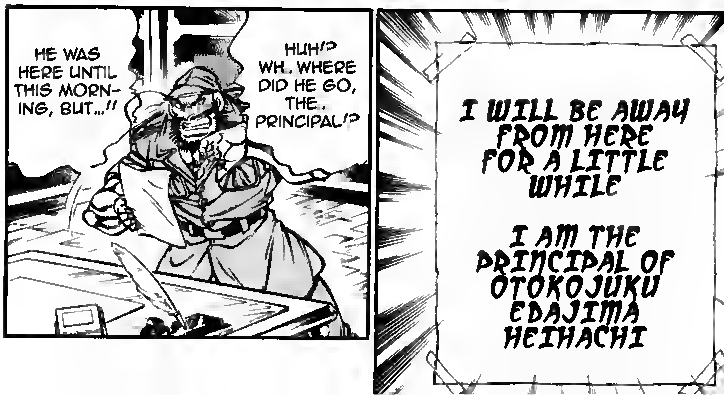
HE WAS HERE UNTIL THIS MORNING, BUT...!!
HUH!? WH..WHERE DID HE GO, THE..PRINCIPAL!?
I WILL BE AWAY FROM HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE
I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU EDAJIMA HEIHACHI

THE LOCK TO THE B-AIRCRAFT HANGAR BEHIND THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN DESTROYED!!
TH...THE AIRCRAFT HANGAR ----!!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG ---!!
IT...IT'S TERRIBLE, ONIIIGE ---!!
TH..THIS IS GOING TO BE TER-RIBLE----!!
IT. CAN'T BE.....!!
WH.. WHAT'S ACTUALLY IN THERE IS....!!
WH. WHAT'S THAT! THE B-AIRCRAFT HANGAR .....!?
.....!!

IN HELPING ME OUT .....!!
YOU'RE CONSID-ERABLE CREA-TURES

HEY, WASN'T IT SAID SINCE LONG AGO THAT EVEN MONKEYS FALL FROM TREES!!
I SURELY THOUGHT THAT THOSE MONKEYS WERE KILLED
HEH, WHY ARE THEY SO PROUD?

WAHHAHAHA! TORAMARU AND THE MONKEYS ARE STARTING UP AGAIN ...!!
Y...YOU DARE TO KICK ME!!
GE!!

I HAVE A HUNCH THAT THERE IS A POWER THAT IS STILL IMMEASURABLE WITH THEM!!
NO.....!! I DON'T THINK THE POWER OF THESE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS IS OF THIS LEVEL.
IT SEEMS THAT THE FINAL SCENE IS DRAWING NEAR FOR THESE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBU-KAI FINALS.
FUFU. PLEASE CALM YOURSELF, YOUNG MASTER
AS OUR LEADER, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO COMPLETELY ABANDON FEELINGS AND ACCURATELY GRASP THE SITUATION..!!
THERE'S NO USE IN ARGUING .....!!
I'LL BE GOING NEXT.....!! THIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN BY YOU!!

HOHO YOUNG MASTER, ARE YOU YOURSELF GOING TO THE FRONT!?
!!
NUN
!!
YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT BODY THAT IS UNDER THE CHARGE OF YOUR FATHER, TOUDOU HYOUE-SAMA. IF WE HAVE A CHANCE, WE CAN'T EXHAUST IT FOR RECOVERING FROM THIS!!
IT WON'T COME TO THAT.

FU: CAN YOU KILL A PERSON WITH THAT SWORD!?
NA!!
ARE YOU THINKING THAT WE WILL HAVE THIS CHANCE WITH ME----!!
A CHANCE !!
FINE, I UNDERSTAND THE YOUNG MASTER'S FEELINGS
IN THAT CASE, I WILL CERTAINLY CALM THAT ANGER.
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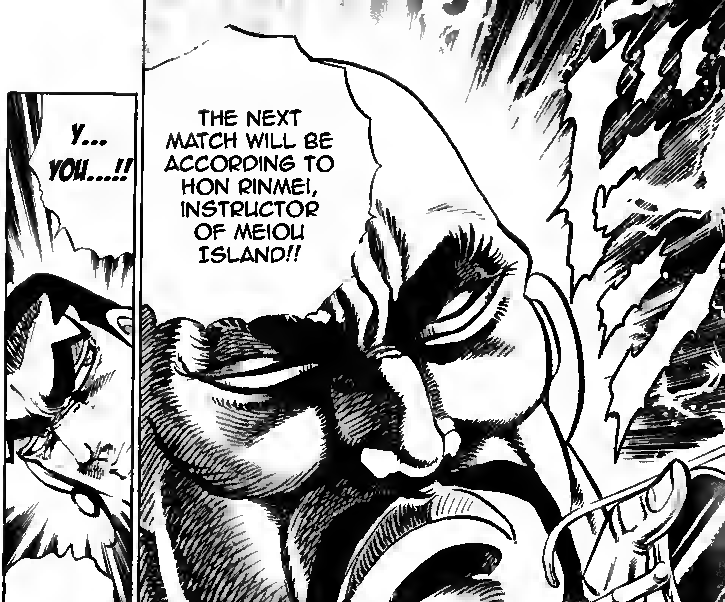
THE NEXT MATCH WILL BE ACCORDING TO HON RINMEI, INSTRUCTOR OF MEIOU ISLAND!!
Y... YOU....!!
Y. YOUR EYES ARE .....!!

WHETHER IT'S THAT OR S**T, THERE'S NO USE TO QUARREL WITH LOW LIFE LIKE MONKEYS---!!
BU...BUT THEY'RE TOO CHEEKY---!!
YOU'RE A HUMAN---!!
HEY, TORA-MARU, DON'T BE IRRE-SPONSIBLE!!
THIS QUARREL WILL CONTINUE ON FOREVER ---!!
K!!!!

WHAT IS THAT SOUND .....!?
!?
GUO!!
Y...YOU ----!!
WH... WHAT----!!
TH...THAT'S ----!

UWAAA
----!!
.....!!
*SEE NOTE
WH. WHY IS THAT THING HERE NOW ----.....!!
IM...IMPOSSIBLE!! THAT'S THE "ZERO-STYLE" FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OF THE JAPANESE NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II*, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ZERO".....!

THE... CONDITION OF THE ENGINE IS... BAD SOMEWHERE ----!!
BL...BLACK SMOKE IS COMING OUT FR...FROM THE FUSELAGE----!!
HOO!! IT'S...IT'S CRASHING WITH THE WALL OF THE BATTLEGROUND!

LO... LOOK ---!!
SO...SOME ONE IS COMING OUT FROM THE CRASHED ZERO----!!

I AM OTOKOJUKU'S THIRD HELPER ----!!
TH... THAT'S... IT CAN'T BE!!

TN:

WELL IT'S ABOUT TIME! AFTER ALL THESE VOLUMES WAITING (ASIDE HINTS LIKE SOME OF THE CRAZY STUFF IN VOL 1), EDAJIMA IS FINALLY ENTERING THE RING. AND OF COURSE, WHEN HE FINALLY FIGHTS, IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A MASSACRE! BUT HEY, HE SURE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE (RIGHT INTO TOUDOU'S GAPING FACE SMASHING UP A ZERO PLANE.. YEAH, THAT'S USUALLY HOW EDAJIMA ENTERS ALONGSIDE AN 'I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU' BIT)

MEANWHILE, THE CHAPTER ISN'T JUST EXCITING BECAUSE OF EDAJIMA'S LITTLE "GAME" HE'S PLAYING WITH EVERYONE BUT ALSO FOR THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE FIRST-YEARS AFTER ALL THE WAITING WE'VE HAD IN THEM COMING BACK AFTER THEIR "DEPLOYMENT". I KEEP SAYING IT BUT IT'S TRUE: AS MANY FIGHTS AS THIS SERIES HAS, THE SOUL OF THE SERIES WILL ALWAYS BE TIED TO THE LIKES OF MATSUO, TAZAWA AND HIDEMARO AS IT IS WITH MOMO, TOGASHI AND TORAMARU. BUT ISN'T THAT HOW SHONEN IS ANYWAY? A SHONEN MANGAKA WHO REMEMBERS THE PAST WILL ALWAYS SUCCEED IN KEEPING A PIECE OF IT'S SOUL...NOW TELL THAT TO SOME OTHER MANGAKA.

TN FROM PAGE 182-183:
IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE WE HAD A BIT REGARDING JAPANESE WWII HISTORY, SO I GUESS IT'S TIME TO GET A BIT INTO PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE AIRCRAFT IN THE WAR. THE MITSUBISHI A6M ZERO [ALSO KNOWN AS THE ZERO OR THE "REI-SEN"/"ZERO-SEN" WITH "REI" BEING JAPANESE FOR "ZERO"] INTRODUCED EARLY IN WWII, IT WAS NOTABLE FOR IT'S MANEUVERABILITY AND IT'S CAPABILITY OF FLYING LONG-RANGE. WHILE A MAJOR FACTOR IN JAPAN'S EARLY VICTORIES IN THE AXIS, IT EVENTUALLY SHOWED WEAKNESSES AND WAS EVENTUALLY FOUND TO BE OUTDATED AS THE WAR DRAGGED ON, ULTIMATELY USED NEAR THE END OF THE WAR AS THE PLANE USED BY JAPANESE KAMIKAZE STRIKES ON ALLIED SHIPS

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